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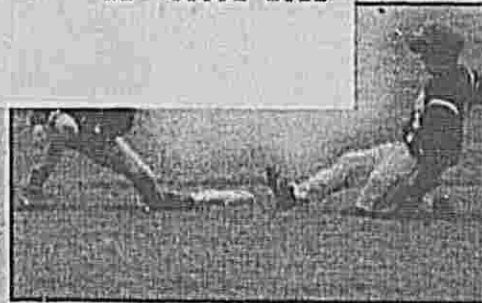
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LAKELIFE • SECTION B

Maravelas and Larson face off for mayoral job

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Division in Antioch's village board became even more obvious after Dorothy Larson filed her petition to run against incumbent Mayor Taso Maravelas. Each candidate formed a slate of trustee candidates.

The two mayoral candidates have some goals in common, but have different approaches to achieve those goals. Both candidates want to correct and expand the wastewater treatment plan, add a recreation aquatic center and revitalize the downtown.

The sewer treatment center has reached capacity and further resi-



Dorothy Larson:
Antioch trustee

dential growth will have to be delayed until that is rectified. Maravelas said the state will provide funding at a rate of 2 percent to complete the work.

Maravelas said the treatment center is running at 97 percent capacity, and would like to see the capability doubled. He expects growth in the village.

The mayor also sees the development of a recreation campus as necessary. Maravelas said he has three properties in mind for the project and has a rendering of the proposed campus. It would offer an indoor Olympic-sized swimming pool, and an outdoor leisure pool. His plans also call for volleyball courts, tennis courts, hockey, a climbing wall, a running track, an exercise room, a

preschool, ice skating and a community center.

Funding for the center would begin with developer donations and a percentage of the sales tax. To keep it running, Maravelas said user fees would maintain it, and township residents could use the facility with slightly higher fees.

Maravelas is proud of bringing village finances under control on his watch, and he has hired a number of village employees who he considers very talented. He began a 5 percent utility tax to replace the \$1.5 million missing from the fund for the Senior Center, and that has been accomplished. He also said the money to complete the road program in 2006 is available.

Maravelas was opposed to the building of Menards next to the newly constructed Wal-Mart on Route 173. Although he was strongly in favor of the Wal-Mart project, he tried to veto the ordinance that

allowed it to continue but was overruled by the board. The mayor said the approval was premature.

"I ran for sensible growth and that's what we've done for the last four years, and that's why we're so far in the black."

"I'm proud to reach out and run on the slate with Dennis Crosby, Jim Parks and Bob Caulfield. This slate has tremendous experience. This is something the village has lacked, and I will deliver it for the next four years," Maravelas said.

The challenger

Dorothy Larson, a trustee on the village board for 12 years, is ready to lead the village. She was very pleased that the board pre-



Taso Maravelas:
Antioch mayor

vailed in allowing the construction of Menards, once the criteria are met. Larson said the village could have lost \$250,000 in sales tax revenue. The school districts will also benefit from the decision through increased real estate taxes.

Since the same developer that built Wal-Mart will build Menards, it cannot begin any work on the Menards site until all of the problems at the Wal-Mart site have been corrected.

Under her leadership, Larson would approach the sewer treatment issue, which she sees as most pressing.

"There are a lot of options and we should keep them all open. There's a study being done now,"

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Village board candidates vie for the Antioch village board

Two slates want the job

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Three seats are open on the village board and six candidates are running. Three have aligned themselves with Mayor Taso Maravelas and three with opponent Dorothy Larson.

Citizens for Antioch Party

Candidates who support Dorothy Larson include current

Trustee Scott Pierce, Bob Kaiser and Robert McCarty.

Pierce and his family have lived in Antioch for 17 years and he has served one term on the village board. He has been the chairman of both the Planning and Zoning board and the Senior Services/Engineering committee. Pierce served for 22 years in the Naval Service and joined the Naval Reserve in Milwaukee.

In the next term Pierce would like to focus on resolving the flood-

ing issues and plan and implement a capitol infrastructure. He wants government to balance residential and commercial growth and open space.

Robert Kaiser grew up in Antioch and graduated from Antioch Community High School in 1988 and went on for a bachelor's degree in business education. He and his wife and children live in the Oakwood Knolls subdivision.

He has worked at the State Bank of the Lakes for 16 years and is the assistant auditor and compliance officer. He supports Dorothy Larson and the future plans she proposes for the next

term.

McCarty, his wife and six children live in Tiffany Farms and he is involved in his children's school activities.

His first career was in the computer industry as a field engineer. He switched careers and became a carpenter and worked his way up to foreman. In 1997 he began his own company, Lake Shore Construction of Antioch. He also owns Lake Shore Storage, Inc. in Antioch. McCarty supports Larson and her plans for the next four years.

Antioch Now

The candidates who support

Mayor Maravelas include current Trustee Bob Caulfield, Dennis Crosby and Jim Parks.

Caulfield heads the financial committee, which has hired a new village finance officer who is installing new software that will help the village be more capable of managing the finances.

Caulfield is a professional photographer and lives in Antioch with his wife Janet and their four children.

Redevelopment of the downtown and financial accountability are high

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WHERE TO VOTE



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PRECINCTS
Antioch Upper Grade School	800 Highview Drive, Antioch	001, 002, 003, 004
Antioch Elementary School	817 N. Main St., Antioch	005, 006, 007
Emmons School	24226 W. Beach Grove Road, Antioch	008, 012, 013
Antioch Comm. High School	1133 Main St., Antioch	009, 010, 011
Antioch Golf Club	40150 N. Route 59, Antioch	014
Grass Lake School	26177 W. Grass Lake Road, Antioch	015, 016
Lutheran Church of All Saints	5800 State Park Road, Fox Lake	017, 018

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PRECINCTS
Antioch Golf Club	40150 N. Route 59 Antioch	138
Oakland Elementary School	22018 W. Grass Lake Road, Antioch	158, 159, 160

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or go to www.co.lake.il.us/ctnctcl

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, April 5.

Will you put your 1/2-cents in?

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

Lake County residents will have a familiar question to ponder when they hit the polls this Tuesday: Do they want to improve traffic flow in exchange for a few dollars a month?

Many Lake County officials are hoping they'll say yes.

Residents will get a chance to vote on a \$481 million referendum that would complete more than 100 construction projects around Lake County, in an effort to improve traffic congestion. The cost to tax payers would be a .50 percent sales tax increase.

Marty Buehler, director of transportation for the county, said the increase would cost taxpayers about \$50 a year. Medicine, cars and boats are excluded from the tax increase.

At that price, he said he thinks it is a good deal for residents, especially considering the amount of complaints he always hears about traffic problems.

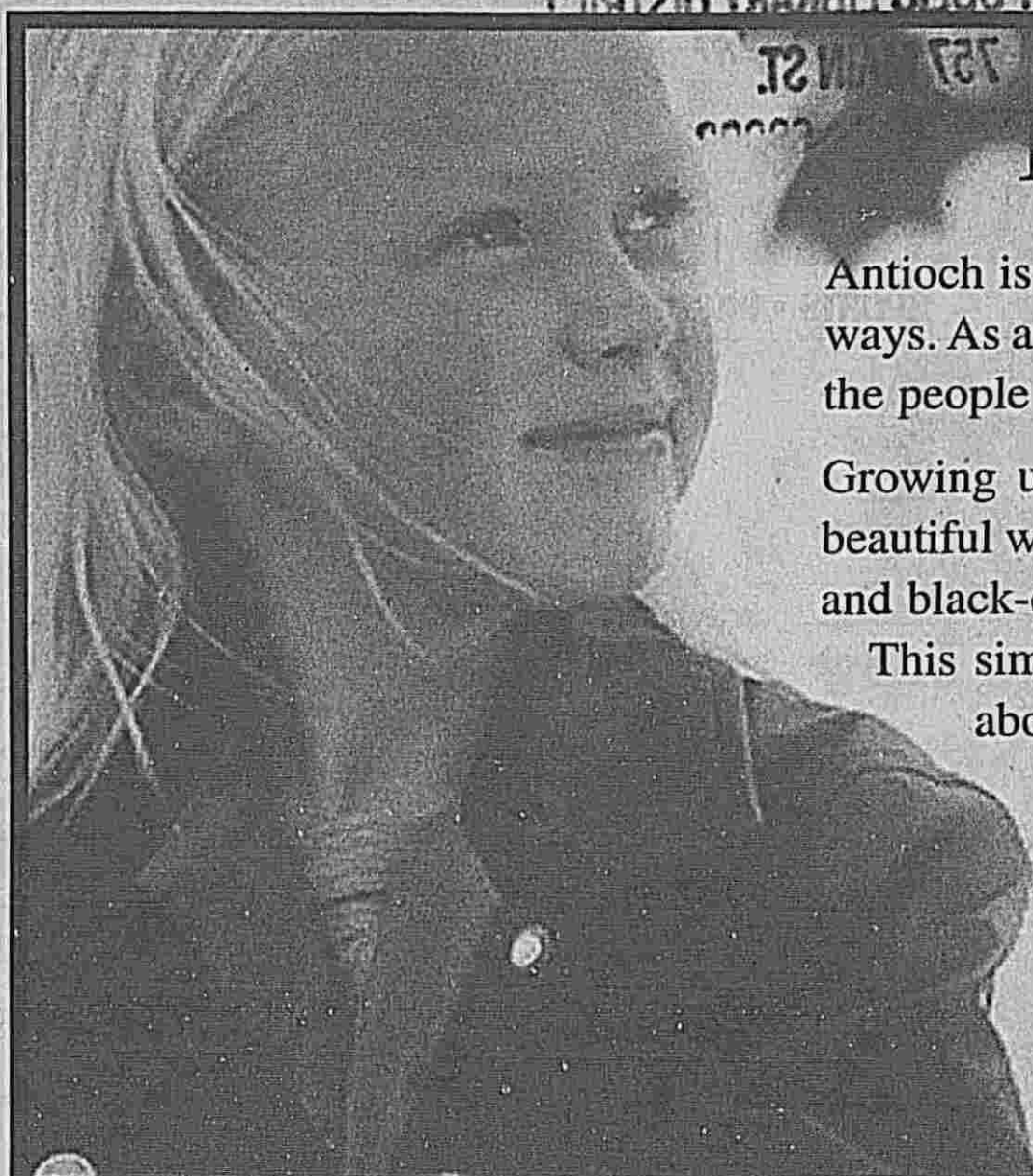


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Traffic waits at the light during morning rush at Winchester and Butterfield Roads near Mundelein. Lake County board officials are proposing a 1/2 cent tax increase for county road improvements.

The traffic problems didn't bother residents enough last March, when they voted

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To the Voters of Antioch

Antioch is my home. It is a place unlike any other...special in so many ways. As a young girl, I came to love this small, unassuming town, where the people next door aren't just neighbors...they're friends.

Growing up in Antioch, one of my favorite houses was framed by a beautiful white picket fence. Always bright white, surrounded by lavender and black-eyed susans, glinting in the heat of the dazzling summer sun.

This simple picket fence would come to represent what I truly love about Antioch.

It was more than just a fence. It was a gift to all who saw it. It represented the civic pride that continues to be so abundant in our small village, and reflected a profound respect for everyone.

It said "I care."

That little girl is me...Dorothy Larson, Your Candidate for Mayor of Antioch.

What I have learned over the past 20 years of political and community service within Antioch is that you can't build a strong village, without building strong neighborhoods. And in Antioch, as it is across our nation, the simple white picket fence is the backbone that makes America strong.

My father, a wonderful, hard working man once told me... "If you don't like something, don't complain about it. Change it." He also helped me understand that each of us has two ears and only one mouth...so we would be best served by listening twice as much as we talk. We have listened to you...the people of Antioch, and with your support, we will bring positive change to Antioch.

My colleagues and I share a vision for a better Antioch and have outlined a plan to earn your trust and your support in the April 5 election.

C.A.P "PICKET FENCES" PLAN

We humbly pledge to serve you with...

A Respectful, Responsive and Honest Government.

- Strong Retail Developments
- Better Roads and Improved Traffic Flow
- Strong Support for Senior Citizens •
- Professional Downtown ReDevelopment Plan
- Completion of 80 Acre Family Sports Complex
- Family Aquatic Center
- Improved Sewage Treatment Facility
- Complete Financial Accountability
- Controlled Community-Focused Growth
- Extensive Storm Sewer Repairs

There is much that is good about Antioch. We will make it better. And, as we all know, there is much that needs to be fixed. With your support, we will build a stronger community that will make you proud to call Antioch "home."

IT'S ABOUT ANTIOCH...IT'S ABOUT TIME

VOTE April 5, 2005!

The Citizens for Antioch Party...C.A.P.

- ☒ Dorothy Larson – Mayor
- ☒ Scott Pierce – Trustee
- ☒ Bob McCarty – Trustee
- ☒ Robert Kaiser – Trustee

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Antioch voters face first fire Referendum

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

"It's so important to get that first engine out there," Fire Chief Dennis Volling said.

That is true for a structure fire or at the site of a toxic spill, as well as a water rescue. Quick response helps put out fires and keeps toxins or fuel from spreading, which is especially important with the county's waterways.

The fire district covers 34 square miles, as it has for the last 92 years. In those 92 years, this is the first time it is seeking a referendum.

Station One in downtown Antioch was the only station in the district for that entire area until 1999 when Station Two was built; and Station Three was added in 2003. The new stations were built without additional tax revenue, and because they are spread throughout the district, one on Deep Lake Road and the other on Grass Lake Road, response time averages less than 5.3 minutes per call.

Chief Volling stresses that only three percent of the real estate prop-

erty tax goes to the fire department. It is asking for an increase of \$36 per equalized assessed value. That translates into an additional \$70 for a house that is worth \$180,000, or \$36 for a house that is valued at \$100,000.

The current tax rate of 21.5 was frozen and the Antioch Fire Department has been operating on the lowest tax rate in the surrounding area. Chief Volling said that was possible because past boards have spent and invested wisely.

"If there's a way to pick up money without going to the taxpayers, we do," Volling said. The department has applied for grants valued at nearly \$500,000 in the past few years. As governmental bodies tighten budgets however, there will be less money to be granted.

Carolyn VanPatten, a member of the fire department board, said residents would not be left unprotected. "We have to bring our department up to the state tax rate of 30," she said.

If the referendum doesn't pass, their service will remain the same," VanPatten said. The Antioch Fire Department is part of MAVIS, or

mutual aid with neighboring fire districts.

As a volunteer and paid on call fire department, Volling said the most pressing need is for more personnel. In 2004, the department answered 982 calls, 200 more than the year before. The increase in calls is due to the increase in population, and that is likely to continue VanPatten said. "There's not a day that my beeper doesn't go off," Volling said. That's almost three calls a day, he said.

In order to approve the referendum, voters will have to answer yes to two questions on the ballot. The first question will allow the rate to be raised to the state level of 30. The second question allows the rate to go from 30 to 40.

The population will reach a

point sometime in the future where the department will have to be staffed with full-time firefighters in order to meet the demands. Fortunately, all three stations were built with the future in mind. All are outfitted with sleeping quarters and a kitchen to house full-time firefighters.

In addition to more personnel, the day-to-day costs have increased, said Assistant Chief Jeff Vandvoorde. "The costs of running the stations has gone up. Utilities have increased and fuel for the engines has gone up. Everything is so much more," he said.

Fire engines run on diesel fuel, and at the very best, they get six to seven miles per gallon.

"With the increase in calls, the vehicles are out there quite a bit,"

'We have to bring our department up to the state tax rate'

Carolyn VanPatten
Fire department board

Volling said.

The first items to be cut from the budget would be public education and training for the firefighters. As it is, if the referendum is approved, the department won't receive an increase in funding until the 2006 real estate taxes are paid, which is more than a year away.

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All Antioch Township Trustees have opposition

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

All four township trustees have competition for their seats since there are four opponents in addition to the trustees. The four incumbents who are running include Judy Davis, Kevin Schuouel, Claudette Skvarce and Wanda Sobczak.

Newcomers to the race are Anita Dyer, John Edgell, Linda Pedersen and Steve Turner.

Judy Davis has been a township trustee for 10 years and has lived in the township for 30 years Davis said that as a trustee she has been involved in acquiring property to develop into parks, and looking into solutions for local transportation problems.

Steve Turner has lived and enjoyed being in the area for 20 years. "I'd like to see greater participation in county board meetings and would stress fiscal responsibility," Turner said. "I'm not part of the good ole boy network. You just roll up your sleeves and start working."

Linda Pederson, former legisla-

tive aide to the late State Representative Tim Osmond, said those six years give her good experience, she said. The trustees are the legislative arm of the township, she said.

"I would give my time, energy and experience to respond and to serve the Antioch Township residents,"

John Edgell has lived in the township for 20 years. "I'm on the Rescue Squad and give it 110 percent. It's that type of dedication I would bring to the board," Edgell said.

Kevin Schuouel has been on the board for six years and was originally appointed to the position.

"I'd like to develop better communication with the village," he said.

Claudette Skvarce has spent 12 years as a trustee. "The most important thing we've accomplished is getting 40 acres for the park and another 30 acres across from Rena Avenue," Skvarce said. "We want to investigate with the village of Antioch the possibility of a bus transportation committee."

Wanda Sobczak has been a trustee for eight years, and values participation in intergovernmental agreements such as the township building and the park. She believes there are many unmet needs and encourages residents to bring those needs to the board.

"My decisions are made with integrity and without bias, and use reasonable and fair judgement. I have no personal agendas," Davis said.

Anita Dyer has been a resident of unincorporated Antioch Township for 35 years.

"True representation takes cooperation. Everybody's voice needs to be heard, Dyer said. "I promise to represent, and be an advocate for all of the residents, all the time."

The position of township clerk is uncontested and current clerk Kathleen Smith would like to continue in that capacity.

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MONKEYING AROUND



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Bob Hoffmann of Hoffmann's Kingdom of Animals introduces his Kapuchin monkey, Chico, to children and their parents at the Lake Villa District Library as part of Spring Break programming.

Grass Lake School residents need to address shortfall

Residents could eliminate some options for the future

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

By the end of the school year, Grass Lake School will be short between \$400,000 and \$650,000. In order to pay bills, school districts often borrow money pledging the taxes they anticipate when residents pay property taxes. Superintendent James Beveridge believes it is time for a permanent solution to the basic problem.

In spite of the fact that residents have voted down a school referendum the last five times it was presented, this may prove to be the most cost-effective means to solve the problem.

Approving the referendum on April 5 the owner of a \$200 home would pay about \$400 a year in property taxes that would go to the school district.

This rate increase would generate about \$350,000 a year for the district.

The new tax rate would be 2.788,

which is still less than surrounding school districts. This is important, because some of the other options to reconcile the deficit involve other districts with which it might merge. If that happens, the residents will pay even more taxes to match the district that takes over. All are higher than the proposed rate.

The only possible districts with which it could merge must be in the Antioch Community High School District. That includes Lake Villa with a tax rate of 3.012, Emmons with a tax rate of 2.875 and Antioch with a tax rate of 3.126.

Consolidation with another school requires approval by that school district with which it would be combined. Beveridge said Emmons School District has indicated it would not merge with Grass Lake School District because of its history of failing to approve referendums.

A third option would be to dissolve the school district and the students would annex to a district selected by the Regional Board of

Trustees, and that district would reorganize the district, and the tax rate would increase to that of the annexing district.

A final option is to remain independent, but give financial control to the state, as occurred in Round Lake. The school board would make all decisions other than financial. This could mean deeper programs cuts than have already been made. The state charges \$250,000 for its financial expertise.

The earliest any of these changes would take place would be in the 2006-2007 school year, Beveridge said.

If the build-out of 67 homes in the proposed Newport Cove development were completed, Districts 36 and 117 would receive the combined amount of \$567,656 in additional property taxes, but there would be a one-year delay in collecting those taxes.

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Some candidates running unopposed

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

The four incumbents on the Emmons Elementary School District 36 are Lori Bruce, Donna Gunn, George Richter and Laurie Tabiad, and all want to continue

their position on the school board.

The Antioch Library District has three seats open on the board and three incumbents who would like to return to those positions. They are Ann Kakacek, Eugene LaFave and Kerry Astar.

The Antioch Community High School board seats are also uncontested, but incumbents

Joyce Heneberry, Philip Delany, Aileen Biel and Wayne Sobczak want to return to their positions.

David Brooke attempted to file a nominating petition for the district 117 election, but failed to submit the required statement of economic interest in time, and lost his spot on the ballot.

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NEIGHBORS

Tony Bodanyi of Lake Villa



I'm originally from:
Upper Peninsula of Michigan

My family/pets:
Cody, Golden Retriever

Occupation:
Owner, Jimmy V's Sports Bar & Grill

**What I like most
about my town:**
Friendly people and
caring neighbors

Hobbies:
Snow skiing, motorcycling,
basketball

Favorite movie:
Serpico

Favorite album:
Seal I

Favorite sports team:
Chicago Bears

Best local restaurant:
Geneva Inn on the Lake,
Lake Geneva

Favorite home-cooked meal:
Steak off the Weber Grill

Person I admire most:
My mother

If I had \$1 million, I would:
Have a great time skiing
around the world

**People who knew
me as a kid would say:**
He gets along with everyone

My pet peeve is:
Lazy people and complainers

If you have a "Neighbor" that you would like to see profiled in this column, call Lakeland Newspapers at 847-223-8161.

PARKS

American Stars of Dance

Parent n' Tot Class (ages 18 mos. - 3 years): This 45 minute class includes play-acting, obstacle courses and creative movement as well as stretching. The class will give children a structured play experience away from home with other children of the same age and a parent or caregiver. Class held at American Stars at 237 Depot St. on Fridays from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Session 5: 4/8 - 5/27 (8 weeks). Fee: \$60/65.

Shotokan Karate

Many Shotokan Karate classes are available for children beginning at age 3 all the way up to adults. Classes offered: Lil' Dragons (3-5 yrs.), Lil' Tigers (5 - 8 yrs.), Beginner/Intermediate 1 & 2, Advanced Mixed, Adult Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced Class, Beginning Kobudo, Strength & Conditioning Class, Advanced Kata Class, Tournament Training, and Cardio-Kickboxing. All classes held at the Parks Building at 806 Holbek Dr. Please call 847-395-2160 or 847-395-5424 or more information.

Pilates

Mat class taught by certified fitness instructor Jan Fenske. Designed to restore muscular balance and improve overall body strength. Bring a towel and a mat. 4 week session. Held at the Parks Building on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. Session 8: 3/2 - 3/23. Fees: \$40/45.

Bulls Basketball Skills Camp

This skills camp is for boys and girls in kindergarten through 8th grade. The staff is expert at teaching the game of basketball, while emphasizing the importance of discipline, respect, and teamwork. Camps are 90 minutes per day one day a week for 4 weeks and held at Antioch Elementary School, 817 Main Street. Dates: Wednesdays 4/6 - 4/27. K - 3rd grade 5:30 - to 7 p.m. 4th - 8th grade 7 to 8:30 p.m. Fees: \$85/90.

FACE OFF

she said.

Larson said the time has come for Antioch to have a new aquatic center, and she has two sites in mind, but hasn't pushed the issue.

"The new board should decide that," she said.

Larson would like the village to have a special census taken since she believes the population has grown by 4,000. The cost of the census would be recovered by the increase in federal dollars due to Antioch for its population increase.

Larson sees one of her strong points as being a people person and has built good relationships with other governmental agencies.

She said the transportation survey the village and township are doing jointly is very important. It is to find out the transportation needs of senior citizens and those who have trouble getting around the township.

"We need to get it developed as quickly as possible and get the funding," Larson said.

CALENDAR

Monday, April 4

7-9 p.m., Humor Exchange, Experience many psychological and physiological benefits of humor. Bring jokes, funny stories and props to share, or just sit back and laugh. Join Condell nurse and group leader Denise Driscoll, R.N., at Centre Club, 1405 Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee. Must be 18 years or older. Call 847-599-7360 to reserve your spot.

Community support group or women who are dealing with abuse in their homes meets Mondays in Antioch. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at 847-249-4450 or 847-249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafepaceforhelp.org for more information.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearses Mondays at ACHS. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272 to learn more.

Tuesday, April 5

7:30 p.m., Lake County Longbeards, a chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Drawing for Spring Raffle, sponsored by the at Greenleaf Bar & Grill, Park City. Details at www.illinoisnwtf.org/Chapters/lakeco.htm.

7 p.m., A.W.A.K.E., Sleep Disorders support group for those who experience sleep-disordered breathing. Meets first Tuesdays at Condell Medical's Day Center, 700 Garfield Ave., Libertyville. Call 847-599-7373 or go to www.condell.org to learn more.

2:30-4 p.m., "A Healing Circle," a grief support group for the loss of a loved one, pet, job or other dramatic life change. Meets first and third Tuesdays at Grayslake Senior Center, 50 Library Ln., Grayslake. (Please use parking lot adjacent to Dog 'N Suds). Call group leader and medical social worker Susan Fox-Larkin to introduce yourself before the meeting at 847-573-4095.

7 p.m., Antioch Network of Friends, a multiple sclerosis support group, meets first Tuesdays at the Antioch Community Building, 884 Main St., back entrance. Please call Louise at 847-395-1317 or Rachel at 847-973-1808 for more details.

6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers hosts a dance & exercise class Tuesdays at Antioch Senior Center (downstairs), 817 Holbeck Dr (behind fire station). Call Karen at 847-395-6244 to learn more.

Noon, Kiwanis Club of Antioch meets Tuesdays at Bacchus Restaurant (formerly TNT's). The public is welcome to join and share service project ideas. Please call Melissa at 847-489-8044 or e-mail her at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

6:45 p.m., Bingo at Antioch VFW. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for more information.

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held Tuesdays at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rt. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181.

7-9 p.m., Stepmoms Offering Support to Stepmoms meets in Grayslake area. Call Tina at 847-543-4768.

7:30 p.m., Lake County Coin Club meets first Tuesdays at Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave. in Waukegan. For info., call Les at 847-662-1955.

7 p.m., A.W.A.K.E., sleep disorders breathing support group, meets first Tuesdays at Condell Medical's Day Center, 700 Garfield Ave., Libertyville. Call 847-599-7373 or go to www.condell.org.

Wednesday, April 6

7 p.m., Northern Lake County Quilter's Guild meets at Millburn Church, Rt. 45 & Grass Lake Rd. Call Madelyn at 847-587-4599 for more information.

6:30 p.m., Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, Wednesdays. Call Dorothy Stark at 847-395-7407 or Betty Muller at 847-838-3907 for more information.

Thursday, April 7

11 a.m., LV Twp. AARP Chapter #3978 board meets first Thursdays at Twp. Offices Community Room.

9:30-11:30 a.m., "Understanding a Reverse Mortgage," Lake County Council for Seniors meets at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Dr., Grayslake. Call 847-367-0087 to learn more.

Friday, April 8

"Morning's at Seven," Apr. 8-17, presented by PM&L Theatre at 877 N. Main St. For times and tickets call 847-395-3055 or go to www.pmltheatre.com.

Saturday, April 9

12:30-3 p.m., Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts meet at Grayslake Area Public Library, 100 Library Ln., Grayslake. LCACE birthday celebration and election of board of directors and president. Demonstration of Grayslake's InfinaDyne data recovery software. No age or geographic limitations for membership. Call Dwight (J.J.) Johnson at 847-623-3815 or visit www.lcace.org for details.

9 a.m.-noon, Resale by Mothers of Twins and More, held at Lakeland Evangelical Free Church, 440 N. Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee. \$1. Cash only. Entry numbers handed out at 8 a.m. Leave message at 866-248-7670, ext. 1264 (toll-free) for more information.

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VILLAGE BOARD

on high his list of priorities for the next term.

Dennis Crosby is a vice president of American Airlines and lives with his family in Antioch and appreciates a hometown with parades, civic events and friendly faces, he said.

He thinks past inadequacies led to inconsistent planning, organizing and spending need to be changed, and while trustees must be individuals, they should also be able to work as a team.

Jim Parks and his family have lived in Antioch for 10 years. His business experience is in sales, management and operations. He recently invested in Antioch when he bought the remaining lots in Mystic Cove subdivision and plans to finish the project. He has managed businesses from the start-up phase through to success.

As a trustee, Parks said people will be able to trust him to do what's right.

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Find new face for assessor

If Lake County voters are angry about the upward spiral of real estate taxes, they're not taking it out on the tax assessors. Out of the county's 18 township assessing offices, 14 assessor candidates are running unopposed in the consolidated election of Tuesday, April 5.

Three incumbent assessors are facing challengers—Avon (Grayslake and Round Lake area), Benton (Zion area) and Grant (Fox Lake-Ingleside). There are two candidates competing for the open assessor seat in Moraine Township (Highland Park).

The office of assessor isn't exactly immune to politics. Like other township offices, assessors have to go to the electors every four years and get their support. But changes in the law and procedures determining valuations have squeezed out the politics in assessing real property, the first step in our system of taxation. Township assessors subscribe to codes of conduct and follow rigid standards. The assessing process is supervised carefully by the county supervisor of assessments and the state. By and large, modern day assessors are models of professionalism, not political hacks. Computerization has turned assessing into a science.

That doesn't mean that there isn't grumbling or howls of anger expressed by many taxpayers. The one place citizens can vent their anger over escalating real estate taxes, however, is at the polls when their permission is sought from taxing bodies for tax increases. April 5 there will be 20 tax questions up for consideration, including the question on the county sales tax increase for highway improvements that will be on every ballot. Most of the tax referenda are for raising money for education. One district, Mundelein High, is presenting voters three separate tax issues. Five of the referenda involve fire protection districts.

Lake County voters will have ample opportunity Tuesday to vote no on taxes if they are so inclined. But, as we pointed out, only in four townships will there be an opportunity to give the tax man a "new face." Once considered a distant cousin of Attila the Hun, the assessor now has transcended into a local government professional schooled and trained in performing a complicated and technical task.

Southlake erases long ago doubt

Forty years ago when debate was waging about the feasibility of forming a community college district to serve Lake County, interest in the southeast portion of the county was lukewarm, so much so that that sector of the county was left out when College of Lake County came into being.

Student interest showed that voters made a mistake in opting out. A wrong was righted and students from the southeast and southern area of the county became a healthy percentage of the CLC student body. So much so, in fact, that a decade ago a satellite campus was established on S. Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills, creating what officially became the CLC Southlake Educational Center.

With history being repeated, interest in Southlake grew to such an extent that CLC trustees voted to expand the facility and grant it status where the same associates degree that can be obtained at the main Grayslake campus can be earned at Southlake. The virtual equal status will come about when an expansion program, tripling in size the existing S. Milwaukee Ave. facility, is completed. Construction on the addition officially began with groundbreaking ceremonies March 22.

The nearly \$14 million addition will provide space for six general classrooms, 11 computer labs, a science lab, a child-care center, a bookstore, learning resource center and a conference room. All this in addition to the existing 11 classrooms and four computer laboratories.

It was interesting to note that CLC Board Chairman William Griffin made special note in his remarks at the groundbreaking of the Southlake opportunities for new immigrants of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and other career enhancing offerings. Southern Lake County has an ever growing immigrant population, not just from Mexico, but also from eastern Europe and Asia, that will benefit from the expanded community college.

As has become a hallmark at CLC, Southlake also will have available non-credit courses for seniors and training for business and industry. Wonder what those Doubting Thomases of so long ago would have to say today about CLC and the future of Southlake?

VIEWPOINT

Wimps cope better with new gas costs



Bill Schroeder
Publisher

Good thing there's been so much going on lately to take our minds off the spike in gasoline prices. The Terri Schiavo case.

Local elections. March Madness. Approaching deadline for filing income tax returns. Television's nightly blood-letting disguised as the Evening News. The daily Wood-Prior medical reports. Wondering whatever happened to spring.

All that—and more—has kept the motoring public from going bonkers over paying approximately 30 cents more per gallon than four to six weeks ago. When gasoline prices rocketed upward several years ago all you heard were cries of protest and dismay. Calls for Congressional investigations. Governmental inter-

vention. Root out the scoundrels preying on automobile owners.

No more. Have we become a nation of wimps?

Psychologists will explain that society has become "conditioned" to paying more to fuel their gas guzzling vehicles. Maybe we have. Now the question is how much more. \$2.50 per gallon? \$3?

A totally unscientific survey taken by Viewpoint has revealed ways motorists are coping with the higher cost of gasoline. Overall, they're digging down and ponying up. Basically, they're reprioritizing living expenses to cover the \$10 to \$20 more spent per week on gasoline. There is a segment of car owners making an effort to reduce miles traveled. That'll go out the window

when Little League and soccer play begins. Judging from auto sales, the switch to smaller, more economical cars isn't significant.

My ploy is to never put more than \$25 or so in the tank at one time. Call that the "feel good" reaction. Works like a charm. Until you start totalling up the increase in number of times going to the filling station. Yikes.

Higher gasoline cost is nation-wide. That means the suburban driving public is being hit harder than most parts of the nation because we have a longer commute time. According to U.S. Census data, Chicago area commuters average 35.2 miles when they drive to their jobs compared to the national average of 25.5 minutes. New Yorkers spend an average of 40 minutes com-

muting. Because they drive so fast in California, drive time is similar, but the miles are more. But, so what? Are we going to move to Columbus or Macon because of a shorter driving commute?

Demographers are trying to make a case for suburban development feeling the impact of higher gasoline prices. Ha! They must be ignoring all the new rooftops in Lake County.

So, forgo that Starbucks or new deck furniture. Go to the county fair this summer instead of Fix Flaps. Take the kids to the Dells instead of Disneyland. You can get by. And don't forget. Our two U.S. Senators, Tricky Dicky and Osama Obama, both voted against opening up more drilling land in oil-rich Alaska.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop bleeding

Gavin school district's watch listed financial condition is getting worse. The sale of tax anticipation warrants exceeding \$2,000,000 (approximately 30 percent of the district's annual revenue) is shocking. The 2005 budget posted on the web site is based on a deficit that consumes half of the district reserves. The cost of attorneys, architects, engineers and other consultants has to be somewhere over \$1,000,000. The bleeding must stop. We need a rational approach to managing the district. The current board looks out for the administration and not the children and taxpayers. The community must speak out by defeating this board's attempt for re-election.

Julie C. SaLee
Ingleside

Remember the past

On April 5, voters in District 46 will want to recall the events of 2001-02, when school board incumbent Ursula Ahern tried to bring outcome-based education and the infamous William Spady to our schools. Spady's experimental philosophy focused on "spheres of living" rather than reading, writing,

math and science. Ahern desperately wanted Spady to help restructure the district's curriculum even though several states had banned his theories because of their disastrous results. Ahern authored the epilogue of Spady's book, stating, "What we've all taken for granted over the years as learning, achievement and success are now exposed for what they are: deceptive and appealing labels and symbols." She wrote that District 46 was about to embark on Spady's approach and "wipe the academic slate clean." In reality, over 1,200 residents signed petitions against Spady, and hundreds packed board meetings for several months until his departure.

Ahern played a key role in hiring Kurt Anderson, the most divisive superintendent in the district's history. She pushed for elimination of the Illinois tax cap, which would have allowed unchecked tax increases without voter approval. She lobbied for failed House Bill 750, another tax increase initiative that gave the illusion of property tax relief but would have cost taxpayers over \$3 billion.

Now Ahern insists our schools cannot survive without the largest tax increase allowed by law, and pounds away at any consideration of alternatives. It's time to rid our district of her tax-and-spend schemes and absurd educational philosophies.

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SNAP SHOTS

Your thoughts on
this week's hot topic

'How to you feel about the
decision to remove
Terri Schiavo's feeding tube?'



CHRISTINE
SLIGTING
Round Lk. Beach

"I'm actually
against it. I
want (the feed-
ing tube) to be
put back in. I
think it's inhu-
mane and very
sad."



CAROL
SLIGTING
Round Lk. Beach

"It's a personal
decision with
the family. The
government
shouldn't get
involved."



JOE
COUTURE
Round Lake

"It's a matter of
personal
choice. It's up
to the family in
the best inter-
est of Terri
Schiavo. It's a
hard decision."



DAN
DALZIEL
Grayslake

"I think it was
their decision,
and it should
be their deci-
sion. Let her
go peacefully
and gracefully."



WENDY
PETERA
Grayslake

"It's a tough
decision for any
family to make,
no matter
which side
you're on."



KELLY
WAGNER
Wauconda

"I think it has
been too long
in coming."

AFTER THE ELECTION

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Four want shot at 2 CLC spots

By Dan Patrick
Staff Reporter

Incumbents Rosa Reyes Prosen and Thomas J. Schwartz are seeking reelection for two six-year terms on the College of Lake County District 532 board. Philip J. Carrigan and Ryan C. Finley are opposing the two incumbents in the upcoming race.

While the challengers do not currently hold any political positions, both Carrigan and Finley have some political experience.

Carrigan's political experience consists of a four year term on the Lake County Board of Health. He has also served with numerous community boards including the Staben House advisory board, Community Action Partnership Lake County (Head Start) board and the For Sheridan Restoration Advisory board. Carrigan's main issues include limiting tuition costs allowing CLC students to



SCHWARTZ

obtain more affordable degrees and diversification of courses in order to suit a variety of interests.

Finley, by far the youngest of the candidates at 30 years old, has never held a political office but worked for Melissa Bean's congressional campaign. Finley is running on the platform of rebuilding trust between the board and the faculty and students. Finley also believes he can offer a fresh perspective on money issues within CLC as the college continues to grow and champions faculty and adminis-



REYES PROSEN

tration diversity. Finley also wants to build a better relationship with CLC and area high school students.

"One of my main concerns is changing the image of the CLC with local high school seniors," Finley said. "When I was in high school, we used to call it the 'College of Last Chance.' Most students in the area don't want to go there and that's one of the things we need to work on changing."

The incumbents, Prosen and Schwartz have five and two years of experience with the board,



FINLEY

respectively.

Prosen has served with the CLC board since 2000 and became the first Latino chairperson in 2003. Prosen also has prior political experience as she has served with the Waukegan Library Advisory Council. Her top concern is CLC's devotion to serve diverse, economically disadvantaged area communities.

Schwartz began his work with the District 532 board less than two years ago, but wants to help with the selection of a new CLC president. Another of Schwartz's main concerns includes the enhancement of CLC students' skill level. He also extensive community involvement as he has worked with the Lake County Community Trust, the Northern Illinois Council Against Substance Abuse and the Lake County Partners.

Carrigan, Prosen and Schwartz could not be immediately reached for comment.

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Ryg addresses issues at YWCA, gives grant to Brushwood

State Rep. Kathy Ryg (D-Vernon Hills) met with local non-profit executives at the United Way in Gurnee for the YWCA's "Policy Matters" conference. Participants discussed current legislation and the status of the state's budget in Springfield.

The dialogue allowed Ryg to provide attendees with a legislative update on issues currently being considered in Springfield. "I feel the priorities that reflect the needs of Lake County include strengthening our schools by improving education funding and increasing the availability of after school programs and affordable child care, increasing access to affordable health care, creating quality jobs, improving transportation options, and providing property tax relief," Ryg said.

The YWCA is a non-profit organization whose members strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership, and power.

Ryg has been a long-time supporter of the YWCA and hopes they will continue to be a strong advocate for funding women's and children's programs. "While no one can predict the final form the budget will take, it is crucial for everyone who has a stake in the outcome to reach out to their legis-

lators," Ryg said. "I need to hear your funding priorities and your concerns about any proposed cuts to ensure that my votes represent the needs of our community."

Ryg hosted a budget summit two weeks ago to hear her constituents' concerns about proposed budget cuts and has participated in other summits with nearby legislators. Anyone concerned with items in the state budget can contact Rep. Ryg at 847-680-5909.

Ryg presents grant

Ryg presented an \$80,000 grant to Lake County Forest Preserve District President Bonnie Thomson Carter at the Ryerson Conservation Area. The District will use the Illinois Public Museum Capital Grant for an interior renovation of "Brushwood," the historic Ryerson family home in cooperation with the "Friends of Ryerson Woods."

"We are pleased to be receiving this very competitive grant, especially during times of such financial uneasiness at the state level," said Lake County Forest Preserve President Bonnie Thomson Carter. "Restoration of the historic Ryerson Home will help increase and generate funds for other

improvements throughout the conservation area."

The Ryerson Conservation Area has several construction and maintenance projects scheduled and underway. The grant will allow current funds to be used towards other projects, and help generate additional monies through the rental fees generated from meetings and private events at the facility. Other projects at Ryerson include renovation of the "North Shed" farm building and construction of a new environmental education and visitor's center with "green" technologies.

"I applaud the Ryerson Conservation Area for investing in environmentally friendly construction measures and I hope that future construction projects in Lake County will follow their example," said Ryg. "I am pleased to support Ryerson Conservation Area with this state grant in partnership with the Lake County Forest Preserve District and the Friends of Ryerson Woods."

Exterior renovations of the Brushwood home have been completed and interior renovations are scheduled to begin this summer.

The new environmental education and visitor's center construction began last summer.

County issued assessment number

Lake County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to Brian Hamer, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties.

If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third of its market value.

Assessments in Lake County are at 33.11 percent of market value. The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2004 taxes, payable in 2005. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

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down a similar proposal. Last March the county was asking for a .25 percent increase. At the time 55 percent of voters voted against it.

In discussing whether to put the item on the ballot, back in January, county board member Angelo Kyle (D-Waukegan) said he thought that the voters had already stated their case on the issue.

"We can't assume just because transportation is the number one problem that people would be willing to pay for it," Kyle said. "People did not vote the first referendum down the first time because they wanted to raise it .25 percent."

County Board Chairman Suzi Schmidt (R-

Lake Villa) said that this year if different, because people have a better idea about what they're voting on.

Last year the county did not have a detailed plan that outlined what projects would be completed, Schmidt said. All they could tell people was that they'd have better roads.

When people see that certain projects are already set to go, they are more receptive to voting yes, Schmidt said.

"People like to see projects that will affect them," Schmidt said. "They can see the (problem) area will be fixed."

'People like to see projects that will affect them. They can see the (problem) area will be fixed.'

Suzi Schmidt
Lake County Board Chair

What the county wants

Among the projects detailed in the referendum: Improve the "Millburn Strangler," near the intersection of Millburn and Route 45. Widen Route 45 north of Mundelein to Lake Villa. Complete repairs on Route

21 in Gurnee. Widen Route 60 and 83 in Mundelein and Vernon Hills. Widen Green Bay Road in Waukegan, north of Sunset Ave. Widen Delany Road in Gurnee.

Improve 33 intersections throughout the county. Synchronize 109 traffic signals in eastern Lake County, from the southern part of the

county up to Waukegan. Make interchange improvement at route 41 and Route 22 and Route 41 and West Park Ave. in the southern part of the county. Help fund an underpass at Wisconsin Central rail tracks near Butterfield Road.

The projects were identified from traffic meetings held throughout the county late in 2004. Most are state projects.

The projects are widespread enough, that Schmidt said she feels people will jump on board. To only lose by 10 percent when no plans were detailed, shows residents are tired of traffic congestion, she added.

Under the county's plan, the projects would be complete in 10 years, Schmidt said. The county is expected to collect \$30 from the tax increase in the first year.

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ELECTION SPECIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Capital improvements plan in limbo

Two District 128 School Board incumbents, President Jan Foreman and appointed Trustee George Sachs, don't address important issues candidly with the public and rejected a five-year capital improvements plan recommended by the Administration.

Under Foreman and Sachs, critical facility improvements at our schools are in limbo, public concerns and expert opinions are disregarded and distorted, and future fiscal planning is in question. Foreman supports another education fund rate increase. Apparently, the current \$25 million reserve in the education fund isn't sufficient. Sachs supports a future capital improvements referendum.

Foreman and Sachs have sidestepped any discussion about urgent and required health/life safety repairs at Libertyville High School. The district architect reported LHS windows aren't approved as secondary exits, yet Foreman said in case of fire kids can "jump out windows." Both incumbents opposed recommendations from the Libertyville Asst. Fire Chief and the District Administration to fully fire sprinkler the LHS building. However, Sachs has acknowledged fire sprinklers should have been done with the 1997 referendum proceeds and that the then Board broke a moral commitment to the community.

Taxpayers deserve honest and accurate information about District needs and finances. Change is needed!

VOTE FOR: Wayne Criswell, Barbara Lewis, and Walter Oakley.

Bev Dybel
Libertyville

Confusing issues

Much confusion surrounds the issues concerning Gavin School District 37 and the Board candidates causing many voters to complain, "I just don't know who is telling the truth." One way to determine truthfulness is if actions match up with their words. The current Gavin School Board has made several difficult decisions in resolving an unprecedented crisis that is nothing short of admirable.

Stan Pasiewicz, Karen Wipper, Mike Lojdl, and Sherry Florian have been instrumental in developing a realistic and reasonable plan that will resolve the crisis adequately while minimizing the need to raise taxes. This is a time when a community needs to come together to find a realistic solution and these candidates have done just that. All this has come in the face of opposition from CURB, who I think, after reviewing all their posted documents supposedly supporting their claims, to be without merit and fail to address or even consider the claims of our School Board and its experts.

CURB supported School Board candidates include Phil Mack and Kristine Johnson, former board members who during their term sat idle as the former superintendent regularly exceeded the school budget year after year, until it landed on the state's financial watch list. Mack chaired the Central Building Committee, delivering a building that was condemned in 8 years. And when exactly did they plan to renovate Gavin North before it fell into disrepair? Where were Mack and Johnson when they had the chance to act and prevent the current crisis?

Steve Moulis wants to join the Board which will oversee the reconstruction or repair of Gavin Central. Yet, as a Fox Lake trustee, he built a garage in violation of the building code. He claimed it "was a mistake during construction" but Gavin can't handle any more "construction mistakes."

Barb Mende wants your vote after organizing a petition urging our lawmakers to vote against the legislation which would allow Gavin to create a temporary financial safety net during their pending litigation. Despite what signers were told, at worst we might see a mere \$23 tax increase, which would likely be refunded. Thankfully, our Springfield legislators saw past this misguided CURB supported petition and voted resoundingly in favor of Gavin.

Gavin School District needs to retain those with a solid and tangible track record of honesty and integrity, choosing what is best for our community, while free of any conflicts of interest. If actions speak louder than words, our current Board deserves our vote so the problems at Central can finally be resolved, while keeping taxes minimized, increasing your property value, and providing absolute safety and a quality education for our children. Take action and vote on April 5 remembering to avoid the "M-J's" (Mack, Moulis, Mende and Johnson), and re-elect Pasiewicz, Wipper, Lojdl, and Florian to the Gavin School Board. Visit www.supportgavin.com.

Scot Gallup
Fox Lake

Wrong message

Recent articles in the local papers indicate the 2005 graduating seniors of Antioch Community High School chose to graduate in their gymnasium. Unfortunately the articles did not contain all the facts. First of all, it is not the choice of the class of 2005 to graduate indoors. In conversations with senior students and their parents, the students' wish is

to graduate on their football field, as the classes of 2003 and 2004 did.

Unfortunately, the seniors were not given this option. They were told that new bleachers were to be constructed on the football field and the construction would need to start prior to the June 1st graduation date in order to not impact the next football season. So what message is the school board sending the 525 seniors? Football takes priority over the graduation they have worked the last four years to achieve. The school board is putting athletics ahead of academics. A survey of the seniors was taken, and the actual choices the seniors were given were to graduate on the Lakes High School football field, or graduate indoors at ACHS (with a four-ticket limit). To date, the seniors have not been told the results of that survey. A few senior students suggested graduating on the practice field, but were told that it was too costly. Fifteen of the 525 seniors were given the limited choices of either graduating at Lakes football field, or indoors at ACHS. At that point the decision was made to graduate indoors at their own school. If you are unfortunate enough to have a family of more than five, draw straws because one of you is going to be watching the graduation via video feed in another gym. It seems that a better solution could have been reached. It's unfortunate that the class of 2005 was not given a voice in this decision. Could this domineering attitude be a contributing factor to the increasingly large number of students (100) who elected to graduate early this year?

Mary Ellen Casey
Antioch

Criticizes 'bashing'

I was quite dismayed at the bashing of a local candidate that has been in print in recent weeks. Why would any candidate want to devote their time and efforts to help a community and be the target of such lies, rumors and ridicule? I know Sal Saccomanno personally and he has dedicated himself to Wauconda and its residents. Sal volunteers countless hours helping the citizens and organizations that he comes in contact with. He is President of the Wauconda Lions, past Chairman of the Chamber, United Partnership for a Better Community member, Wauconda Fest Committee volunteer, and a village trustee, just to name a few.

One of the letters stated, "Don't be fooled by a snowball fight." That is an insult to the Wauconda Lions Club and the 3,084 people who came out to support the Lions charities. Saccomanno was one of the leaders of that event which not only raised money, (much of which will go right back into our community), but also helped bring worldwide attention to our village. Trustee candidates Lincoln Knight, Mark Knigge, and Cathy Scott were all personally involved in our attempt to bring a world record to Wauconda and also assisted with the other Winterfest activities. These candidates have demonstrated to me that they are committed to the betterment of our community. Not just by a "snowball fight" but also by the large time sacrifices that they have made over the years working on local charitable programs and various board positions.

This is a dynamic community with a current political race and I understand that there must be some form of competition. But, is it really necessary for the constant barrage of negative comments. How about focusing on what the positive aspects of each candidate are and may the best person win. I am proud that there are those that want to keep our "small-town charm" here in Wauconda. I am also embarrassed that there are others, who with the words they write are actually making our town appear ugly. I have had enough of negative political campaigns and am proud that Saccomanno will not stoop to that level. I have asked Saccomanno why he even bothers and he told me that he believes that all of this will lead to a better Wauconda.

It's refreshing to have someone in office that is passionate about what he does and will remain steadfast in his commitments. I am supporting Saccomanno and the Wauconda First candidates because they have proven that they support us.

Mark Conway
Wauconda

Wants caring mayor

It's that time again when we are seeing signs. Please vote for me signs. I think it is a very exiting time. For four years we think about our homes, our families, our lives. Once every four years we are asked to think of a topic almost as important as our family's: Who do we want to take responsibility over our village? The village of Wauconda.

As I look at my home, family and friends' families, I see how much work the responsibly of a family takes. How to keep a solid roof over children, how to keep children clothed, fed and most importantly how to do right over wrong.

I am proud to see that Sal Saccomanno is running for mayor of the Village of Wauconda.

Peoples' home lives usually translate to their public lives. I have grown to see that Sal's home life is solid. His family has great respect for him and he has great respect and love for his family. Sal's family backed him up when he ran for Village of Trustee and now they back him up as he runs for Mayor. If we could all look into the Saccomanno's home we would see on a daily basis the great care Sal takes

with each exciting time as well as the challenging times. Then we would see how easily the high level of caring Sal has for the Village of Wauconda can spill over from his home into our village.

We don't need to walk out of our homes vary far to see the positive impact Sal has on our village. I could start by pointing out all the bad decisions, mistakes and lack of oversight the past administration has inflicted on our village. But I would rather have you stop me on a street corner so I can just show you. Because, I would also show you all the things Sal has helped correct, as well as the positive impact he has had. Just like how Sal cares for his family, he took great care in the Wauconda Lions Club snowball extravaganza. One event put Wauconda in the news in a very positive light, brought people to Wauconda to visit our stores and businesses. Most importantly, what is not said can have more impact than what is said. Not one negative incident was reported by the news for this event. Sal and the Lions Club turned a simple idea into a major boost for the village.

Yes we get to vote for the new Village of Wauconda Mayor. I want the next mayor to care about the Village. I want the next mayor to take the time to listen to village residents. I want the next mayor to care for the future of the village and not just how much can be built on a piece of unused land. I want a mayor who is willing to take his time before making a decision that will impact Wauconda for years following.

We are in luck. We have such a person. Sal Saccomanno continues to prove himself as a great leader, a caring man and great supporter of Wauconda. I think it goes without saying Sal Saccomanno has earned the skills to take care of the Village of Wauconda.

Jonathan Feryance
Wauconda

Civics 101

Something seems to have been lost in the "debate" over the District 56 referendum. That something is a sense of social responsibility, which seems to have been conveniently replaced in the hearts and minds of many Gurnee residents with self-interest.

Foremost among the requirements of social responsibility is becoming knowledgeable about community. This means gathering information and making logical decisions, hopefully guided by a sense of the greater good. In making my own decision regarding the current referendum, gathering information was very easy. District 56 makes financial information available to the public. School report cards are available at irc.niu.edu. Opinions from supporters and detractors of the referendum abound. A startling fact was that, despite greatly increased expenses and significant growth in our community, the district had not passed a referen-

dum for more than a decade. The district has made efforts to drastically reduce expenditures by \$2,300,000, and has shown financial responsibility.

As a citizen of Gurnee I am responsible, financially, for the education of its children. That is the basis of public education in our country. The district has shown the need; the decision is clear. I will gladly pay the increased amount on my tax bill.

As to those people voting against the referendum, or not voting at all, have you made yourself knowledgeable about the issues? Have you objectively weighed self-interest against your civic responsibilities? Or have the battle cries "fixed income" and "wasting money" allowed you to support your position without further thought about the value of public education?

Paul Nudelman
Gurnee

Youth speak out

My name is Hanna Thielen. I am in seventh grade at Grayslake Middle School. After the last referendum failed, I've noticed some negative changes in the quality of our education. Encore classes, art, music, Spanish, and drama are no longer being provided, there is not as much time for us to go to teachers for help, and many students are moving away, including some of my friends!

Studies have shown that students who participate in music and the arts tend to do better in math. We no longer have music class and our band (a full fee program) is now half the size it used to be. Art, drama, and Spanish have been eliminated altogether. To some kids, these classes are what they look forward to most! And as our Hispanic population in the U.S. continues to grow, learning the language could be valuable in a career.

While this is not a big deal for me considering I am an honor student, there are many kids that I know whose grades are slipping because they can't get the help they need. With more kids per class, our teachers aren't able to give as much individual attention to those that need it. Also, with the shorter school day, we don't have as much time to go over examples and learn the material in class. The school day and classes should be lengthened, providing us with additional study periods where teachers would be available to give extra one-on-one help.

From a social position the referendum not passing has also affected me. Many students at school are moving because of the poor education. Among these students are some of my best friends. If this next referendum doesn't pass several more of them will be pulled from Grayslake and dragged somewhere completely new. Please help us and vote yes for us on April 5.

Hanna Thielen
Grayslake

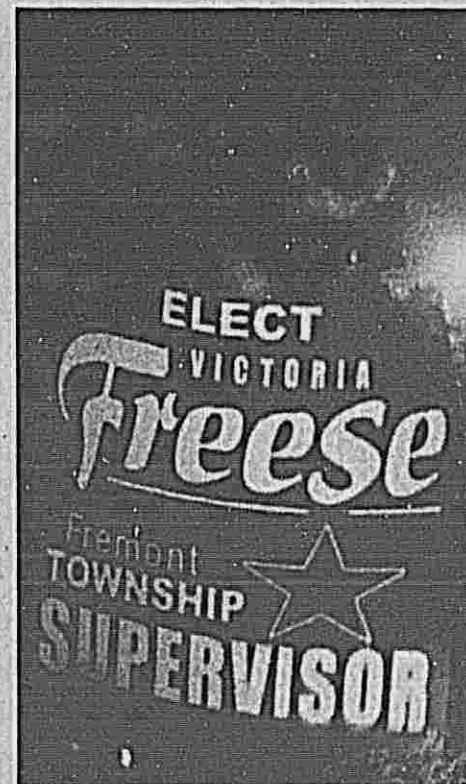
VICTORIA Freese FOR Fremont TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

A picture is worth 1,000 words¹
¹Mundelein news March 25-31, 2005

Political sign theft captured on film²

²The News Sun March 18th, 2005

In the early morning hours of March 10th this sign was stolen from candidate Victoria Freese's front yard. At the same time many other signs were also stolen from private properties around the Township.



When asked about this incident her opponent said, "Maybe they decided, 'If she can put them up, we can take them down'"²

It's time to return Integrity to the Fremont Township Supervisor's office

It's time for a change!

Vote for Victoria Freese
Tuesday April 5th, 2005

Paid for by Victoria Freese for Fremont Township Supervisor. A copy of my report will be available from the County Clerks office.

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David J. Stone

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Eastern Illinois University -
B.A. Degree in Economics

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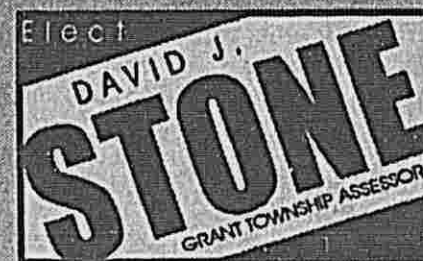
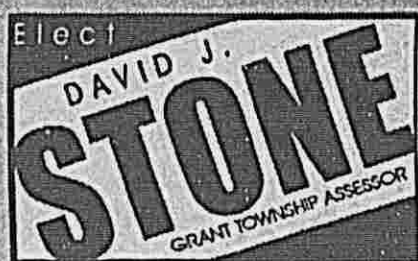
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Carmel's bats are heating up

Corsairs weather conditions, sweep Warren

Pitching usually dominates this time of year. As batters try to shake off the rust of winter, even a powerful lineup can be made to look foolish by any pitcher worth his salt.

Carmel coach Chuck Gandolfi knows this. It just happened to his team on Tuesday when his Corsairs were shutout 8-0 against Fremd. And with Carmel facing a pair of Division I pitchers in a Thursday doubleheader against Warren, low-scoring contests figured to be the norm.

It also didn't help that the game was being played in near-frigid conditions, with a biting wind blowing straight in and game-time temperatures in the mid-40s. But none of this fazed the Corsairs, who lit up Warren's dynamic duo of Andrew Wolcott (Duke) and Adam Worthington (Illinois-Chicago), winning both ends of the twin billing, 8-0 and 8-4.

"Pitchers are normally ahead of hitters this time of year, but we were geared up for a pair of D-I pitchers," Gandolfi said. "The kids were real scrappy at the plate today."

While Carmel's bats struck early and often, Warren appeared to have the advantage to start game 1.

The Devils had runners on first and

second with one out to open the game and after Kevin Pollard grounded into a fielder's choice, Warren had two runners in scoring position. After Mark Mirretti was hit by a Matt Diedrich pitch, Derek Kofoed proceeded to run up a 3-and-0 count. However, Diedrich rallied back with three straight strikes to escape the inning unscathed.

"I fell behind the hitter, but I didn't want to fall behind in the game," said Diedrich, who tallied 6 strikeouts in the contest. "He (Kofoed) didn't take the bat off his shoulders for the second pitch so I knew he was looking for a walk. So I just threw a fastball right down the middle."

With the momentum swinging toward Carmel, the Corsairs quickly took advantage in their half of the inning. Wolcott opened the inning with a strikeout of John Brennan, but Mike Morrissey followed with a walk, stole second base and advanced to third on an excuse-me swing single by Sean McCreary.

Jeff Greco then came up and jacked the ball to leftfield, where Skylling made a diving catch. However, the ball was deep enough to score Morrissey as Carmel took a 1-0 lead.

after the opening inning.

Both pitchers then settled into a groove, with Wolcott striking out 6 of the next 7 batters he faced, keeping the game 1-0 heading into Warren's half of the fourth inning. Then, it again appeared that the Devils would seize control of the game as they had the bases loaded and just one out.

Nick Zupec then came up and looped a ball to centerfield, where it looked like it would drop in front of Morrissey. Tyler Horan and Kofoed thought so because they both took off from their bases. However, Morrissey made an unbelievable diving catch and doubled off Kofoed at second to end the threat.

"I was kind of angry at him (Morrissey) because he dropped a ball to open the inning," said Diedrich, who is best friends with Morrissey. "But he made up for it with a great catch to get me out of the inning."

That was Warren's last real threat at the plate, as Diedrich pitched two more scoreless innings before being lifted by Jimmy Robin in the seventh inning. The play left Warren coach Dar Townsend frustrated at what might have been, had the Devils simply executed in key situations at the plate.

"We just kind of gave the game away offensively and defensively," Townsend said. "We had our chances to capitalize and we didn't. And we had poor execution defensively."

That poor defense reared its ugly head in the bottom of the inning. Carmel's Jimmy Potempa was standing on second with one out, when Kyle Stone came up and smashed a single to center. First baseman Kevin Pollard was hit with a perfect relay throw but double-clutched and threw the ball away as Potempa slid in safely. Stone advanced to second on the error.

An error by Wolcott two batters later allowed Stone to score, then Robin came up and smashed an RBI double to put Carmel up 4-0. Wolcott was lifted the next inning.

"Andrew looked good, we just didn't support him defensively," said Townsend, whose team committed 4 errors in the contest. "We need the guys to step up and play consistent defense."

Carmel took another



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Sean McCreary of Carmel High School hits the ball fairly with the end of his bat during an 8-0 home game win for the Corsairs against Warren Township High School.

early lead in game two as Ryan Meehan had a 2-run double off Worthington in the 1st to give the Corsairs a 4-0 lead. Greco took over from there, pitching 6 2/3 innings with 3 walks and 3 Ks, to get the win. He had 16 groundball outs and also had a 2-run double of his own in the 4th inning.

Warren had the bases loaded with two out in the seventh inning, down 8-4, but Tim Jousupait came in and got a 3-pitch strikeout to end the game.

"Greco just pitched a great game," said Gandolfi, whose team improved to 6-1 overall with the sweep. "He got ahead of hitters and changed speeds well."

The Corsairs received another boost in game one as outfielder Steve Hironimus returned earlier than expected from knee surgery and the subsequent life-threatening staph infection that set in. He had a run-scoring single in the sixth inning before being lifted for a pinch runner.

"There was a lot of pressure but it felt great being out there," Hironimus said. "I wasn't really even ready."

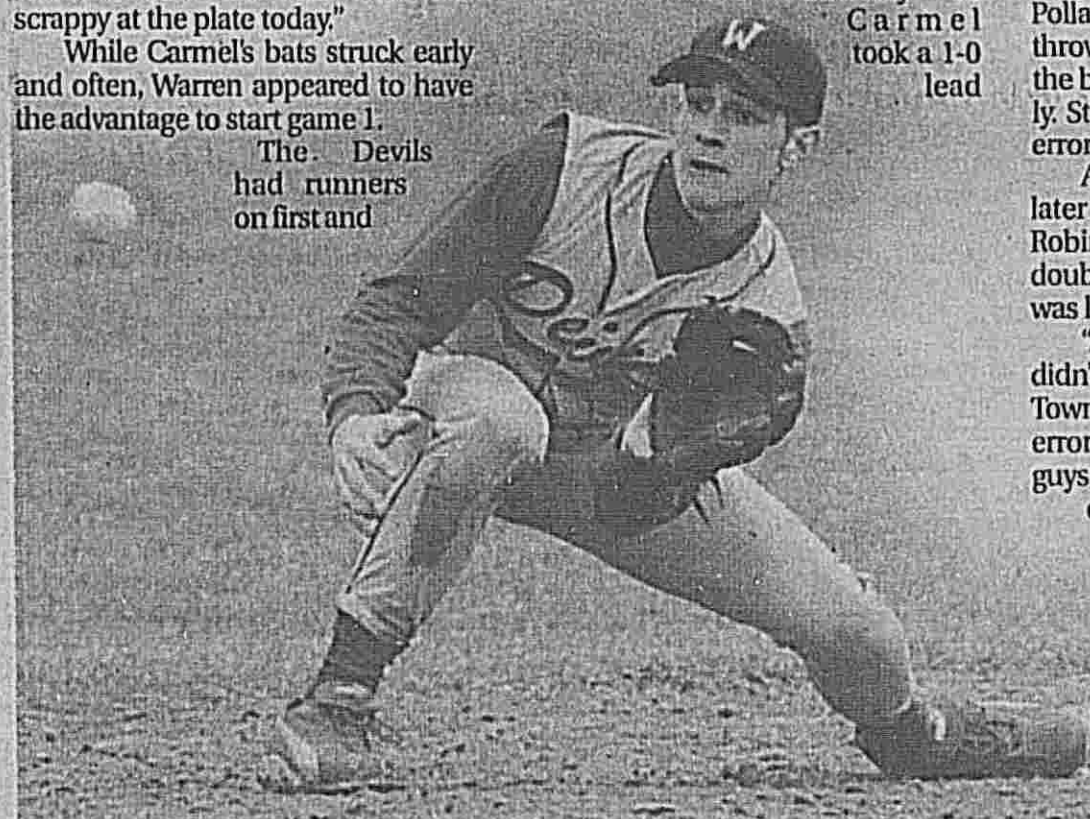
"We just wanted to get him an at-bat," Gandolfi said. "He still can't run. We hope to have him back at full strength in two weeks."

Last year, Carmel opened up the season 1-4 before going on to finish 3rd in the state. But Gandolfi isn't about to make any comparisons to last year's squad.

"I'm happy with the way we've played so far," Gandolfi said. "But we still have a long ways to go."

Carmel travels to Grayslake on Tuesday, while Warren (1-3) hosts Lake Zurich on Wednesday.

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Warren Township High School's Nick Zupec fails to tag Carmel's Sean McCreary out at third base during an 8-0 loss for Warren at Carmel High School in Mundelein.

Photo by Sandy Bressner

ON THE SIDELINES

Dan Patrick • Sports Reporter

This weekend presents one of the greatest weekends in sports with baseball's opening day and the NCAA Final Four taking place during the same weekend. However, these yearly sports milestones pale in comparison to yet another annual athletic extravaganza — WWE's Wrestlemania.

With epic battles for both the World Heavyweight Championship and the WWE title, professional wrestling fans everywhere are salivating at the

chance to witness Vince McMahon's epic brainchild.

While Wrestlemania 21 is taking place more than 2,000 miles away, perhaps area sports teams could learn a thing or two from the WWE and follow in McMahon's lead and put some entertainment into Lake County sports. Obviously, some compromises would have to be made such as retaining actual competition, but in order to spice up the games, maybe there should be a little less San Francisco Giants and a little more Andre the Giant.

First of all, small equipment changes could really add some flair to spring sports. In baseball and softball, players should be allowed to use any objects they so desire for bats. What about steel chairs or stop signs? Maybe we shouldn't mess with the formula too much and simply wrap the bats in barbed wire, hey, it works

for Mick Foley, why wouldn't it work for us?

Track could really benefit from the sports-entertainment influence with minor tweaks that could make all the difference. Long jump competitions could become off-the-top rope finishing maneuver competitions. Length would be measured, but style would also be taken into consideration. Who wouldn't pay to see our promising young athletes execute frog splashes or flying elbow drops? Relay races could be re-christened tag team competitions where the winners get to throw other competitors through tables, discus and shotputs would be replaced with unwitting freshmen for throwers and blue ribbons should be replaced with championship belts.

Baseball, softball and track wouldn't be the only sports that would prosper. Tennis nets could be

used as ring rope for players to bounce off and gain momentum for devastating clotheslines, physically grueling soccer games should be renamed "90-minute Iron-Man Matches" and water polo matches would benefit from having the pool surrounded by a steel cage.

If I haven't sold you on any of the other changes, there is a WWE mainstay that is sure to convince any skeptic. Both athletes and parents alike would appreciate this time-honored wrestling maneuver — the ref bump. Whenever there's a bad call, all the parent has to do is toss their child a trusty steel chair, the kid will "accidentally" take out the ref and everyone will be happy. The parents themselves could enter in as "outside interference" and distract the referee long enough for their children to get the game-winning goal.

Prominent area athletes could

also benefit from some hardcore nicknames. After all, a man with a stupid name like Dwayne Johnson rose to fame and fortune as "The Rock," so what area athlete wouldn't benefit from a nickname overhaul? Carmel's "Queen Bee" Kendall Brown has been tearing up soccer fields for years, Hawk "The Hulkster" Haiduke is one of Wauconda's best and Eric "Low Blow" Lostrosio is a Grant mainstay. "Legend Killer" Lauren Ott is sure to chew up veterans as a sophomore this season and Waukegan's Nichole "Hardcore" Holland batted .500 in conference competition last year.

I really think that Vince McMahon and his irreverent formula for success could do a thing or two for the local sports scene. So fans, whatcha gonna do when Lake County sports runs wild on you?

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Spring Sports' sidewalk slam

Endorse Walt Kubalanza

I am writing this letter on behalf of Grant Township Assessor, Walt Kubalanza. I feel Walt possesses all the necessary qualifications—experience, patience, integrity and, of course, ability to be the Assessor in Grant Township. He has served the Township well these last four years and deserves to be re-elected. I, Betty Niemi, former Grant Township Assessor, do endorse Walt Kubalanza and I am behind him 100 percent.

Betty Niemi
Fox Lake

Gurnee Grade District 56

I am writing this letter in the hope that it motivates the "Yes" voters to take action and the "No" voters to reconsider. I preach often to my children that social and political issues would rectify themselves if only we could overcome citizen apathy.

If you are angry at how the government spends your tax dollars then send letters to your representatives or attend meetings but don't take it out on a school district that can no longer make ends meet. District 56 needs the tax increase. There is no other way for them to operate and the issues driving the funding crisis will not disappear—escalating enrollment, increasing operating costs and unfunded mandates.

If you think the county should charge impact fees on new residential construction—get involved!

If you think the State should fund schools from sources other than property taxes—get involved!

If you think the school board should add or eliminate certain programs—get involved!

If you think personnel should earn more or less—get involved!

Voting against a necessary tax increase is not getting involved. It's being part of the problem and not part of the solution.

No matter whether you get involved or not—one responsibility will not change! As citizens of this community and residents of the State of Illinois we have an obligation to provide a quality education for every child from K to 12. No one ever implied that the obligation to a public education was free.

It is the responsibility of each person to collectively contribute to the educational system for every generation—not just your own. That responsibility never ends nor should it. If you are angry at the funding mechanism—voting No is not going to change that. The citizens of this community collectively need to reach a solution for the long term health of District 56. The first step is demonstrating that we accept the responsibility to fund education and vote Yes on April 5. Then let's all get busy resolving the root causes that precipitated this situation in the first place—Get Involved!

Kristina Kovarik
Village Trustee for Gurnee

Insiders benefit

Citizens of Warren Township High School that are concerned about our public schools standards of ethics should congratulate the Citizens for Responsible Government (CRG) for what they have done exposing financial issues at the school. While some at Warren were aware of the "inadequate financial systems and controls," only a retired teacher and Rich Conley from the CRG worked to publicly expose and change the school for the better. Rich is also now a candidate for the Warren Board of Education election on April 5, and I support him.

There have been recent attacks on the CRG and Rich Conley in the letters to the editor. Most if not all are from school insiders who benefited from the "lack of controls on spending," they want their public paid for piggy bank back, they blame Rich for protecting our tax dollars by shutting off the spigot. Rich Conley and the CRG did the right thing when it came to the taxpayers of the community, and these people are angry.

Not only did the CRG help expose the financial issues that allowed a retired principal to purchase thousands of dollars of electronic equipment, phone sex, and custom made silk ties; the CRG also exposed that the February 2003 referendum request by Warren was completely unnecessary. It has been documented and reported that the deficit was created by moving Education Fund money to other accounts, creating a deficit when none should have existed. The school then attempted to raise an additional \$7,500,000 annually from the citizens of the community by referendum.

The new school Superintendent recently admitted the school doesn't need a referendum until 2007 at the earliest. The CRG and Rich Conley saved this community \$37,500,000 in unnecessary taxes when they fought the Warren referendum. On April 5, I will vote for Rich Conley, Mari Carlson and Chuck Clement, they are the only candidates for the Warren School Board who have publicly expressed concerns about the way the school is run, and are publicly committed to ensuring reform.

Rich Mathis
Gurnee

Getting the facts out

There are board candidates who are talking about benchmarking and whether CCSD 46 should use it as a tool for fiscal responsibility. We think benchmarking is a great idea, so let's look at the facts.

Not only do we agree benchmarking is important, but so does our board and administration. Anyone who sits on the board or who regularly attends board meetings would know that CCSD 46 uses benchmarking and has used it as a tool for budgeting and financial projections for at least the

past six years.

But remember, benchmarking is just one tool and looking to it as the solution for our fiscal problems is a little like looking at a hammer and telling it to build you a house. Unless you have the professionals who can properly use that hammer, the house will never be built. Benchmarking is a starting point. It is important you determine at the beginning what exactly you are looking to accomplish. You need to make sure you are benchmarking against a realistic set of numbers.

So what does CCSD 46's benchmarking tell us? We'll use as our source www.thechampion.org, the site other candidates are saying will give us accurate benchmarking data.

The most recent financial data available on the site is for the 2002-03 school year. Our district spends 5.6 percent (\$8,032 vs. \$8,482) less per student than the state average. We also spend less than similar type and similar size districts in Illinois (\$8,122 and \$8,149 respectively). Our per-pupil expenditures for the education fund are lower than the average of districts in our area, as well as of districts in the state of similar size and similar styles. Of course, with the education fund cuts made since the 2002-03 school year, those gaps are even greater now.

It's true that our administrators earn an average of 5 percent more than the state average. However, our student-to-administrator ratio is 40 percent higher than the state average. This means our administrative ranks are very lean here compared to other districts.

It also means we have more experienced administrators (who because of that earn higher-than-average salaries), but we have far fewer of them and therefore spend significantly less per pupil on administration.

When you look at these numbers it is beyond incredible to believe we will be able to find \$4 million in cuts out of a \$23 million education fund that won't affect our students. That would be 17 percent of the entire budget or virtually all of the budget that does not go towards salaries and benefits. If others think there really are ways in our district's budget to restore millions of dollars in cuts without passing a referendum, it's time to share those ways. Saying we should start a process that the district has already engaged in for six years is not the answer.

Other candidates want to compare our district with Woodland District 50. We have analyzed these comparisons as well.

Woodland saved \$3 million in part by using benchmarking. Woodland was a financially healthy district that could cut that amount of money without a significant impact on its students just as CCSD 46 did in previous years before being forced to cut staff and programs. Because of our lower property value per student and lack of commercial base we find ourselves years ahead of other districts in the area. We have been forced to make the difficult but necessary cuts earlier. Other districts are now following us.

A significant portion of Woodland's savings came from unilateral contract moves that led to a teacher strike and litigation from the district's bus drivers that could wind up nullifying some or all of those savings. This is not what we want for our district.

While the four of us don't agree on everything, we have been brought together by three principles. First, it is most important to deliberate and discuss issues and to decide them based on the facts, and that's the role of the board. Second, we view the referendum as the only way to bring back the programs valuable to our children: art, music PE, challenge, the normal length of our school day, and much more. It's also the only way to staff the new K-8 school the district is building to relieve our serious overcrowding situation but that will otherwise sit empty. Third, we will take any opportunity available to us to discuss our views.

Because it's so important to get the facts out, please forward this e-mail to everyone on your personal e-mail list. Encourage your friends and neighbors to check out our web site, www.victoryfordistrict46.com <<http://www.victoryfordistrict46.com>>, to learn more about where we stand. For more information on where we and all the candidates stand, check out www.d46.info. There you can find all responses to the Information Committee's candidate questionnaires.

And, of course, let us know if you have any questions or if you'd like to help out with your time, a financial contribution, or by putting one of our brand new signs in your yard. Yard signs are an especially easy way to show your support—just let us know your address and we'll put one in your yard and leave a couple more for you to give to friends. The more Ahern/Larrivee/Puccio/Perlstein signs that pop up in the district, the more buzz we can create.

Ursula Ahern
Michael Larrivee
John V. Puccio
Steve Perlstein

Does District 56 really need the tax increase?

The emotions surrounding the District 56 tax referendum have made it difficult to make an objective, informed decision. As a result I did some independent research. Here are the facts I discovered through the official reporting to the Illinois State Board of Education (IBSE).

Enrollment in District 56 has increased by 360 students since 2001. In that time no new teachers have been added. The average class size for sixth grade is now 32 where the state average is 24. The result of higher class sizes is lower test scores.

As reported in the papers in November, the District's has maintained a balanced budget for two years and has proven to be fiscally responsible. In

doing so the board has had to cut \$2.3 million from the budget. Capital expenditures are down 73 percent. The text book expenditures down 67 percent. The average teacher salary is the sixth lowest in Lake County and has dropped \$4,000 over the years.

Meanwhile the unfunded, federally mandated special education programs (like No Child Left Behind) are up 467 percent since 1995. Insurance costs are up over 700 percent. And the enrollment keeps growing.

Does 56 need the money? Yes.

Judy Nugent Resident
Gurnee

Take Down Taso

I have been waiting for this time to come up for four years. The time to go out and vote for a new mayor of Antioch! I want to emphasize the word "new" because we owe it to our town and especially ourselves to get Taso Maravelas out of office and replace him with Dorothy Larson. Residents and students at Antioch and Lakes High School who are able to vote must realize the power that they hold. Contrary to belief, absolutely every vote is crucial, and nobody should feel that their vote doesn't matter.

Antioch deserves a mayor who will listen and respect the concerns of everybody, from teenagers to Antioch's Senior Citizens. I want a mayor I can feel comfortable going to with questions and not be made to feel small or intimidated.

Dorothy Larson is running for mayor and by far is Antioch's best choice. I've known Dorothy for years and am absolutely certain she would be the best candidate. If you have been keeping up with the newspapers recently, you have read numerous articles from respected citizens voicing serious concerns, regarding Taso "ending up" as mayor for another four years. That says something to me. It makes me feel a stronger urge to emphasize the importance of Dorothy Larson being elected mayor. Please, don't make Antioch go through another four long years with Taso. With your vote, we can make Antioch a better and more pleasant place to live, vote for Dorothy Larson.

Tracy M. Porch
ACHS class of 2003
Antioch

Think bigger

Bravo Mayor Maravelas for realizing that Antioch is in dire need of a recreation facility. How/Why the feasibility/need of this is being questioned by certain trustees is beyond my comprehension. Do they mean it makes more sense to allow for bigger and bigger subdivisions, housing more and more Antioch residents, both young and old, but not to have the foresight and vision to realize with this residential growth more services must be available to our towns people, not only in summer months but year round? Well hogwash to that lack of vision making any sense to me. I applaud Taso Maravelas for his common-sense vision for our town.

My only objection to Taso's vision is, I wish he would think a little bigger. If I had the money I would single handedly put in a huge indoor pool, yes with sport courts and exercise equipment, etc., but to that vision I would also erect a huge indoor ice skating rink. In season ice hockey games could be held there, plus figure skating. In off season the building could serve many purposes—roller skating, concerts, dances, craft shows, antique shows, auto shows, boat and R.V. shows, plays, etc. Think big Taso sometimes dreams and visions really do come true. However, maybe certain trustees cannot share your visions because they are moving too hard and heavy to override your veto, in order to enable another big box store to come to our area before all the ducks are in a row at our new Walmart. The vision you have would benefit our town and not just the youngsters, it would benefit citizens of all ages. It also has the potential to bring more people to shop our local stores. I support your vision—never give up on a dream.

Liz Schmehl
Antioch

Reed Ano for Antioch Township Supervisor

There are several reasons to vote for Reed Ano for Antioch Township Supervisor. His ability to lead, manage, and get things done are widely evident from his extensive volunteer history within the township. Current supervisor Steve Smouse would like you to believe that he was personally responsible for obtaining grants for the township center, the new parks to be developed and for traffic lights! A review of the facts would indicate that others were instrumental in obtaining those grants. The township needs a leader who has a vision of what the township can be and that person is Reed Ano. With the ideas and plans that he has for new programs and services for ALL residents, he will bring a new energy and vitality to an office that most people don't really know exists.

Mary Dominiak
Antioch

Trustees Vision of Community Challenges

How does a small town maintain its character in the face of development? As three of the trustees on the Wadsworth Village Board, we are continually faced with this challenge. We feel it is our duty to give careful consideration to the types of projects we support.

Wadsworth has become a prime site for developers. It is one of the few desirable areas left with

large tracts of open land. When voting on development issues, we, as public servants, try to represent the preferences of the 3,000 plus residents of the village. We try to take into account the reasons people decided to live in Wadsworth in the first place. Residents tell us they move here to avoid high density housing and a large commercial base. Consequently, we try to support projects that will improve the community and not detract from the rural atmosphere. In addition, we always consider the impact of our decisions on life safety and education. It is not our intention to stifle growth in Wadsworth. Growth is inevitable and can be positive. The pace of growth must be monitored to remain in step with the lifestyle of the community.

The Village of Wadsworth is in a precarious position. The Village Board must be vigilant in its efforts to defend the character of the community. When considering development projects, we, as three of the trustees on the Village Board, selectively support those which will enhance the community for the long term.

Debbie Spurgeon
Mike DeMarco
Candy Nannini
Wadsworth

Face the bully

Remember the playground bully who picked on the smaller kids just to show how tough he was? Usually he had a couple of ignorant thugs who followed him around and did his dirty work so he could keep his own hands clean. Everyone knew he instigated the trouble on the playground, but the rest of the other kids were too afraid or too small to stand up against him. Plus, the Bully's revenge threatened any who even dared to cross him.

The local political scene feels to me like that old school playground. Everyone knows who the Bully is, but too many people seem afraid to demand he come out from behind his automated phone bank and anonymous mass mailings and fight fair. Some have given up saying we can't possibly win against someone so unethical and so rich. It's impossible to have a reasonable discussion when the opponent spews spiteful and exaggerated falsehoods in the news media. Bullies have no conscience.

Yet I am optimistic because more people are getting angry about the bully and his dirty tricks. I know there are more voters in Lake County who support our excellent schools and libraries than there are supporters of the local Bully and his selfishness and extremism. No one likes taxes and our taxes are high. However, I believe that the intelligent voters in Lake County understand that taxes are the price we must pay to live in rapidly growing communities to maintain excellent public institutions such as schools and libraries. These schools and libraries are the reasons people want to live here and that demand keeps our property values high as well. People don't move to a town because it has a great mall. Families move to towns with great schools and a strong sense of community.

Voters need to realize that the Bully doesn't really care about your taxes, your property values, your schools or your library. He owns vast amounts of property in Lake County and wants only to trim his own tax bill. It's all about him.

We must finally stand up to the Bully on April 5. Vote for independent candidates for library trustees: Ed Abderholden, Aaron Lawlor, Mary Phillips, Karen Broms and Bonnie Quirke for the Cook Library Board and send the Bully back to his saddle store.

Ellen Jennings
Vice President
Libertyville District 70 School Board

Hate mail

Residents of Cook Memorial Public Library District should understand clear differences among the candidates they elect to serve as their Trustees, April 5.

One choice is a formal slate of candidates put forward and spoon fed by Jack Martin, the Mr. Potter of our Bedford Falls. The other is a group of independent citizens pledged to working together, spending tax money wisely and communicating clearly to provide the best possible library services to our communities. These trustees-you-can-trust include Aaron Lawlor, Mary Ann Phillips and Ed Abderholden running for 4-year terms and Karen Broms and Bonnie Quirke vying for 2-year posts.

I want my neighbors throughout the district to know how important this election is. It became personal for me in fall 2002. After I publicly spoke out against Martin's behavior as an elected official (which resulted in a board censure), he sent a piece of hate mail to my home, written in red ink, falsely calling me an abhorrent name and stating there was no place for me in his town, church or library.

If he were to apologize, I would accept it. Instead, he continues to spread falsehoods and hatred against those who oppose him; assumes an air of arrogance and condescension; practices plagiarism (his bylined piece at <http://illinoisleader.com/opinion/opinionview.asp?c=20738> and reprinted in Business Week is not his original work); and propagates a negative spirit in our community. I don't trust Martin to uphold the oath of office or the Constitution, and I don't want him to represent me in any way.

To those on Martin's slate, I earnestly ask you to withdraw from this election and disassociate yourself from this man. To all, I ask you to vote April 5 for Lawlor, Phillips, Abderholden, Broms and Quirke for Cook Memorial Public Library District Trustees.

Barry J. Reszel
Libertyville

Letter from Lake County Board of Health

Considerable press has been written about the Vista Health system decision to close St. Therese Medical Center and move health services to Victory Memorial Hospital. We believe the most ideal healthcare delivery system is one that continues to provide services without interruption year after year. Such continuity is important not only for patients, but patients' families.

One of the specific concerns with the closing of St. Therese is the temporary elimination of all inpatient psychiatric services in the northeast portion of Lake County, which could affect approximately 30 families per month. We're disappointed that the Vista Health plans to consolidate hospitals were not able to proceed in an orderly fashion, which would have allowed for uninterrupted psychiatric services. We appreciate the commitment of the Vista Health board and administration to open psychiatric services at Victory Memorial Hospital once state approvals are obtained.

At this juncture we call upon all healthcare organizations in Lake County, particularly hospitals with psychiatric programs, to assist in providing needed emergency mental health care. The closing of St. Therese and the temporary elimination of inpatient psychiatric care will not stop our fellow citizens from having mental health crises. It's time to come together and see what we are able to collectively do to make sure that individuals receive the care that they need.

Michael Waxman
President
Lake County Board of Health

Vote twice for the same candidate?

Want to vote twice for the same person in the coming April 5th election? You can! It's legal!!

Thomas E. (Tom) Sanders is simultaneously running for two offices - full-time Highway Commissioner of Richmond Township AND President of Spring Grove.

Spring Grove deserves a President who can devote 100% of his time to serving its residents. Jim Anhalt has pledged to do this. If elected to Highway Commissioner, Tom can't. Jim will. I'm voting for Jim Anhalt.

George E. Keim
Spring Grove

D46 Education refund is a necessity, not a luxury

Even if I didn't have children in the district - providing I could afford it (and there ARE people who truly cannot afford it) I would vote for the referendum, because it is NEEDED, not as a luxury, as a NECESSITY. Whether or not it's the 'right' amount is a moot point. It is what it is.

My youngest son is gifted. The only thing he loved about school was challenge, gym and art. When I go to sleep on April 5, I want to know that regardless of the outcome, the next morning I can look at his sweet little face and say, "I voted YES, with the hope that those and other programs would be returned to you and all the other kids in the district."

I believe it is the duty of any community to do what they can to provide a quality, well-rounded education for the kids in the district. They can't provide it for themselves.

The children of today are the adults of the future. They will be making decisions for US down the road, from local to world. Some will be providing our country and/or the world with entertainment, the arts, sports, etc. The 3 R's don't qualify as a quality, well-rounded education. I personally think this is secondary, but the state of our school district does seriously affect our property values. I worked for a real estate agent and was amazed at the number of people looking to move into Lake County, who were very adamant about not moving within D46 boundaries. Schools and taxes were their reasons.

A co-principal from another community listed some of the things she's grateful for. My favorite was, "For a community who makes sacrifices to ensure an excellent education for all children."

Pam Pavlik
Grayslake

Turner for Trustee

I am writing this letter in support of Steve M. Turner's candidacy for Antioch Township Trustee. I have known Steve and his wife and children for many years developing both professional and personal relationships with him and his family. Steve has served as a member of the Antioch School District 34 School Board since 1994. He first served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for the board before serving as President of the Antioch School District 34 School Board during these last three-and-a-half years. During his tenure on the board, he has worked diligently for the students and families of this community. He has made it his goal to ensure that all students receive the best possible education that can be offered to our children given the district's financial resources. All of his efforts have been on a volunteer basis, and have been, for the most part, behind the scenes without much public recognition or acknowledgement. However, he has been part of the driving force behind many positive initiatives our District has undertaken. He will bring the same level of energy and dedication to the position of Township Trustee. His years of experience on the school board have helped to sharpen

his ability to work with other people of differing opinions. If he supports an issue, he supports it to the best of his ability. He has not afraid to tackle difficult issues. I encourage you to vote for Steve M. Turner on April 5, 2006. He will work hard to represent the citizens of Antioch Township listening to their concerns and working toward building a strong community. He deserves your endorsement and your vote!

Mary Kay McNeill
Antioch

I support the road improvements

I read a letter in support of the Transportation referendum and it didn't hit home until I sat in traffic for 45 minutes trying to get to work and it got worse when I tried to get home.

I am a long time resident of Lake County and have watched the growth out pace the road

improvements. We can place the blame on the Governor that cut off the road funds or the municipalities for allowing the massive building with no regard to the congestion caused by not demanding the road improvements. That will do none of us any good because the problem is still here and we are living with it.

The cost of the improvements will be less than \$50 a year. That in itself is worth the investment.

Our quality of life is threatened by these awful traffic jams. We are burning precious gasoline at over \$2 a gallon and polluting the environment twice as much as is necessary waiting in line.

I for one would love to spend an extra 30 minutes with my family in the morning and be able to return at a reasonable time.

If you work for a living and have to travel the roads as I do please join me in Voting YES for the referendum in April.

Lothar Blankenberg
Lake County

Time for a change

There are just a few days left before the April 5 election for Gurnee Mayor. I strongly recommend Kristina Kovarik to fulfill the change Gurnee needs as Mayor to move the Village forward! Her strong leadership and vision all of which will be predicated on her ability and experience as a major banking company Executive to establish long range plans and planning which are essential in administering to the public. This is a key element that currently doesn't exist in the village administration.

Having attended several forums in which Kovarik and Rudney went head to head on questions offered by the public, I was extremely impressed with Kovarik's responses which were very professional with positive, well thought through answers which left no doubt in my mind that she is Gurnee's Mayor elect.

Your vote for Kristina Kovarik on April 5 will move Gurnee forward with positive results.

George D. Lyall
Gurnee

I promised them.

They may not know it yet, but I plan to be here for a long, long time.

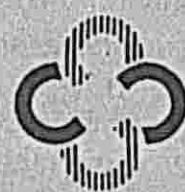
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Rx Buying Club: Good deal gets better

More than three decades in public service have taught me a valuable lesson:

The best public programs are designed to respond to the changing needs of the people served. A good example of that is the Illinois Rx Buying Club, our own state run plan that cuts the cost of prescription drugs for seniors and disabled people of all ages.

In its first year, the Illinois Rx Buying Club found savings of 23 percent on over 300,000 prescription drug purchases by members all over the state. Savers told us that they appreciated the fact that the club offered savings without restrictions imposed by income, use, caps or co pays. But now a good deal has become ever better. In response to public need, the Rx Buying Club has cut its enrollment fee by 60 percent down to \$10 from \$25 for a years worth of savings.

For its one year anniversary, the Illinois Rx Buying Club will also offer a special sign up incentive for members who re enroll. All members who re enroll will receive a free, one year membership if they successfully refer a friend to the program. Current members will receive this offer in the mail later this month.

The Buying Club provides discounts on all prescription drugs approved by the FDA and is available through participating pharmacies and a mail order option. Members pay an annual administrative fee for a discount card used to purchase any prescription medication at more than 50,000 participating pharmacies across the United States.

For more information about Illinois Rx Buying Club, or to obtain an application, please call the Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine toll free at 1-800-252-8966, or visit the official web site at www.illinoisrxbuyingclub.com.

Charles D. Johnson
Director, Illinois Department on Aging

Need community support

The citizens of Warren Township High School have an opportunity on April 5, to elect members of the Board of Education. This is a very important election, since the next two years will decide whether the board can regain the trust of the public, or allow the status quo to continue. I have completed my petition papers and I am on the April 5 ballot, I ask for the vote of the citizens.

I have been a strong advocate for quality education and fiscal reform. A few years ago, I started attending the Gurnee Grade School board meetings, and also became involved in the District 56 Finance Committee. Since then I began attending the Warren High School Board meetings, and became a member of the Warren Facilities Committee, and the Warren Grading Committee.

I bring a proven track record of fighting unnecessary tax referendums, such as Warren's 2003 attempt. Additionally, during 2004 I worked with a retired teacher to help uncover a complete lack of accountability in the spending of the Student Activity Funds, which has led to independent investigations both internally and by the Lake County States Attorney.

Make no mistake, the money that was misspent and possibly stolen was taxpayers money, improperly transferred to a series of slush funds for the personal use of a few. This type of activity has to be stopped at the school, as it deprives the students of all available funds, and damages the public's trust. Although the results were very troubling, the investigation needed to be done.

Through my extensive community and school involvement, I have seen what it takes to be a board member. I am ready for the challenge and will represent the community. I will use my personal and professional background to ensure that all children of our community receive an excellent education, and that all tax dollars are spent appropriately and wisely. I ask for your vote on April 5, 2005.

Richard E. Conley
Candidate, Warren Township High
School Board of Education
Gurnee

Honesty, yes please!

Greg Guido, familiar with village inner workings, ignores those of his own mind and his inaction

on issues now labeled "dishonest". Two electoral rejections illustrate voters' perceptions of personal deficiencies that embarrassed our village, hindering progress. His aborted Clerk bid is likely false, asserting he wouldn't run again after his mayoral defeat. If pleading heavy employment commitments, why consider running at all? How effective could he have been as trustee? His recent fabrications and factual errors prove sound past voter judgment.

Guido displays ignorance or naked political reticence in stating no Water Fund balance sheet error existed. Widely reported, and audited, a recurring entry was made for a large one-time grant. Rates increased to make up this phantom income. Surely, he read the reports and understood them? He now claims the shortfall was due to diversion of funds. When did he discover this? As trustee, he never missed a chance to squawk about others, errors or infractions. Where was he then? Agitation by Guido and others brought the village two visits by the State's Attorney on other issues. We're to believe he didn't bring this theory to their attention or get it into print?

Small towns face challenges finding qualified people to serve. Affinity for public service runs deep in families who care about their towns. Guido and others bleat about nepotism, as if residents were unaware. Intelligent voters continue to disagree. A recent underhanded political attack falsely cited some Board members' votes for employee bonuses as illegal. This vote was on a "consent agenda", where multiple items with unanimous Board approval pass together, saving time. This was neither illegal nor improper, including ALL village employees. The very Board members who would have you believe this wasn't right or personally motivated then voted unanimously to award bonuses.

False in fact, Guido's double dipping charges on Clerk Becker exposes ignorance of the law, hoping voters are fooled into believing it. Vastly overstating estimates of Becker's salary and benefits are irrelevant and prejudicial, unless wishing to disclose his own, or denying village employees theirs. Mayors, trustees and clerks have full-time jobs. His "on the clock" obsession surfaced when crusading against the Mayor during his failed mayoral campaign, not offering to hold himself, other trustees and clerk to the same demand. Officials often phone, write, read, and email on village business at work to be effective. Guido's implied denial of using "on the clock" time explains his performance as trustee.

There's been no shortage of facts, news, legal opinion, audits, and scrutiny by States Attorneys and concerned voters. If skulduggery occurred, surely it would have been discovered. Guido and his ilk chant "Honesty in Government," implying dishonesty exists. It does—in false charges and personal attacks against honest people. Petulant posturing squanders time needed to identify opportunities. I urge them to engage in the war of ideas, not innuendo. Voters will ignore BS, and those continuing these arguments ensure their own peril.

Dave Labuz
Island Lake

No better candidate

I cannot imagine how we as a community have done without a true leader in our school board. It appears that now more than ever we are due for one. That is why I am supporting Rich Connelly for WTHS School Board. Rich is the only candidate to understand the true form on how the school funding works. Rich is also the only candidate who has the track record as a private citizen to comprehend the goings on of the previous administration. He was the only one calling for a independent investigation. With this kind of leadership skill that he displays how can we find any better of a candidate than Rich Connelly for WTHS School Board on April 5?

Bradley Nelson
Gurnee

'Honesty in government'

In the April mayoral election in Island Lake my vote will go to the "Honesty in Government" party. The name "honesty in government" is meant to send a message to the voters. There have been some very shady practices in our government in past years. This party wants to bring out in the open what is going on in the village; they want to stop the constant bickering that goes on with the present admin-

istration. They plan to conduct the village business in an open forum with no personal agendas, or hidden expenditures. Their vision for revenue related growth and development without raising taxes is very realistic. Not used car lots, pawn shops and retail malls left vacant. It is time this government answers to the people who live here.

I am sick to death of reading inaccurate, unsubstantiated articles attacking Tom Hyde's character. The articles are not reporting incidents as they actually occurred. An innocent conversation with a village employee asking and confused about his vacation time was twisted into negotiating union contracts. And innocent joking conversation with an officer taking pictures of a motor also twisted into something it wasn't. Who are the sources for these stories? These accusations are indeed politically motivated. These stories remind me of a fairy tale about a boy who cried wolf, in the end, the boy wanted only the attention it brought to him and the wolf was all made up. I hope my fellow residents are smart enough to know when a wolf is actually present. There is no wolf here, only a few attention seeking "5 For" politicians. If this is the way they practice politics, I wonder what they will do if elected. It is time for "Honesty" in our government.

Fran Sadoski
Island Lake

District 56 to fail?

Several years ago, our family moved to a lovely, but modest neighborhood in Wadsworth built mostly throughout the 80s. There seems to be a comfortable mix of young families with children and "empty nesters." Take a quick stroll through our circle and it is clear everyone in this neighborhood shares similar values. Yards and homes are neat and orderly, people wave to each other and we watch out for one another. There is very little crime in this area, no littering or graffiti and people generally feel safe letting their children play out in the yards. We all value our property, space and sense of well-being. When we arrived, this was evident from the beginning—the people of this neighborhood care enough about their community to insist on quality and that includes an excellent school district. I don't think it is too much of a stretch to say that other neighborhoods are similar in these regards.

If this is the case, then why are we allowing District 56 to fail? At some point the people of this community were committed to a quality education—they understood that it is an investment that you make in your community and neighborhood. It means you have caring people, strong leadership and a solid foundation for education. Take a good look around your neighborhood to remind yourselves of what was that attracted you to your neighborhood. For comparison, take a look at some communities where the school districts have been allowed to fail over time. There is a distinct air of apathy about these places and it is very sad to see a once vital community in this condition. The parents and supporters of the District 56 Referendum are not the bad guys for wanting a quality education for our families. Our values are not any less demanding than the previous generation and in fact we are only supporting the past efforts of those who made this district strong. The District 56 School Board is not incompetent because they value a balanced budget and quality programs in the school. But rather, they are demonstrating the leadership and initiative to keep our community and its inhabitants strong and vital.

The state of Illinois ranks 49th in the nation regarding the amount of money it provides the schools with District 56 receiving only 12 percent of their total revenue from the state. In comparison, the surrounding school districts receive about 20 percent more from the state. Given this appalling lack of state funding along with the drastic cuts and measures the District 56 School Board has taken in the last few years to further decrease the burden on property owners, I think the district has really made a sincere and effective effort. We need to stop the apathy and the pettiness and look at the real picture—if this referendum doesn't pass our district begins to fail. With this failure comes the decline of our neighborhoods and community and losses in property values. If you really are concerned about money and quality community then vote YES on April 5.

Lydia Scher
Wadsworth

Time for a change

As a Mundelein resident who attends Village Board meetings, I am asking the voters of Mundelein to vote for Ira Kosova for Mayor and Bruce Arnt for Trustee only. Marilyn and her cronies have had 16 years to create a better Mundelein. She has failed on so many fronts. The condition of the roads, resale value of houses, our schools in trouble, the empty factories and store fronts are a indication of where she has brought us in 16 year reign. Yes she has finally come up with some things but I say too little too late.

Mr Campbell has a legal issues to deal with. If he had paid attention he would not have these issues. I also find him ill prepared and not always on track what is before him. He is not a good listener with what is front of him. Asking questions and making comments with out doing his homework.

Mr Cancelli claims he is a macro manager. This to me has meant he too does not have the time or energy to devote to the job. We need micro managers open to new ideas.

Mundelein needs city fathers who are open to help listen to the village and direct a better course for the village. Many who come to the board meetings assume the decision has been made before it comes to a vote. The best example of this is the village clerks job going from a full time job to a part time position. It was never on the agenda, yet the vote on this came fast and with little discussion. With out reason given for the change. I believe the time is right for a change.

Walter Szatkowski
Mundelein

A changing perspective

I have read that the mayor of Mundelein now supports getting rid of vehicle stickers and taping board meetings. I personally think that is a great step forward.

I however find it amazing that she is now for these issues. For the past two years she would not allow these items to be placed on the agenda for discussion. At the time she also denounced any trustee that brought them up for discussion during the open meeting. Maybe as the election draws closer she is hearing the footsteps of change and now wants to be perceived as the agent of change instead of the obstruction to progress. Mundelein voters are smart enough to know that a wolf in sheep clothing is still a wolf.

Vote for change on April 5.

Keith Voss
Mundelein

Vote for Conley

As the father of a future Warren Township High School student, a taxpayer, and a citizen concerned with the education of our youth I must urge District 121 residents to vote Rich Conley to the School Board.

Rarely do you have a member of the community willing to put so much personal time and effort fighting for students and taxpayers. As many know, Rich spent the last year uncovering the recent Student Activity Funds scandal at WTHS.

An independent investigation has been able to verify that problems with the fund ranged from poor record keeping to a school official using student money to purchase silk ties, high-end stereo equipment and membership to pornographic websites.

Doing what is right, and having accountability in our schools motivated Rich. His efforts were instrumental in bringing the attention of the Lake County State Attorney's Office, currently engaged in a full investigation.

The strength of character and effort shown by Rich is needed to restore trust. I am very confident that Rich will continue his efforts to close out this chapter and start a new one at Warren where priorities are placed with student education and fiscal responsibility. The taxpayers of this district can again be proud to send their money and most importantly—their children.

Please vote Rich Conley on April 5, to the WTHS Board of Education.

Steve Gauthier
Wildwood

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Conflict of Interest

Gavin district taxpayers, do you realize the CURB lawsuit against our district has cost us over \$44,000—for the month of February alone. Two people currently running for positions on our school board are party to this lawsuit against our school; Phil Mack and Barb Mende. How can that not be a conflict of interest?

Carol Moran
Long Lake

Negative ad

I am writing to express my disappointment in the publication of a negative and misleading ad in the March 4-10 edition of the Fox Lake Press, which tries to discredit Fox Lake Mayoral Candidate and Village Trustee Cindy Irwin.

The ad I am referring to was paid for and made up by some unidentified people calling themselves "Concerned Citizens of Fox Lake." I bet someone paid a lot of money to place this ad. Where (or better from who?) did the money for the ad come from? Who is this group and why don't they use their real names? Could it be because the accusations made in the ad are untrue? Or did they hide their names because we could easily identify them as supporters of another candidate?

It is only fair and decent that if a "group of citizens" pays to publish personal attack ads against another person, then those accusers should be identified by name so that their own credibility can be scrutinized. Papers should publish the name of any customers who pay to publish their political smears. They should not be allowed to hide under some fake, made-up organization.

Negative ads, like this one, keep good people from running for public office or otherwise being part of the political process. I was undecided about who I would vote for. Because of this ad, I am now going to vote against the so-called concerned citizens, and that means I'm voting for Trustee Cindy Irwin and her slate of candidates. I don't see her supporters using such offensive methods to swing the vote.

We already weigh the ethics of all candidates, during the campaign and then when we vote. But we should also demand ethical accountability for others who become involved in local political campaigns and print such malicious ads.

William Szostak
Fox Lake

Support your school

Yes, it is YOUR school. It is not "the school" or "their school". If you live in District 56, it is YOUR school, no matter if you have children currently enrolled or not. The children of YOUR school are your neighbors, your friends, your fellow Church members, and our future.

The student-teacher ratio is of great concern, but, the extra-curricular activities keep our kids focused on positive character building activities. The teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, confidence building, learned from playing sports, participating in drama, music, or Student Service Council is invaluable.

If you have voted no in the past, please ask yourself these questions:

When I was in school, what would I have been doing had I not been involved in any after school activities?

If I had not participated in extra curricular activities, what experiences to grow and learn would I have missed?

It may be different than when you were in school, but times have changed and giving our kids the same opportunities as our neighboring communities is critical for their growth and the growth of our community.

We don't want to be in the same boat as families who have moved OUT of our district because our community HAS NOT SUPPORTED OUR CHILDRENS GROWTH. Aside from neglecting our children, the values of our properties will probably go down. Remember the book "It takes a Village"? It really does!

The Children of District 56, need a YES vote on April 5.

Laura and Paul Vlaming
Wadsworth

Tim Perry for Mayor

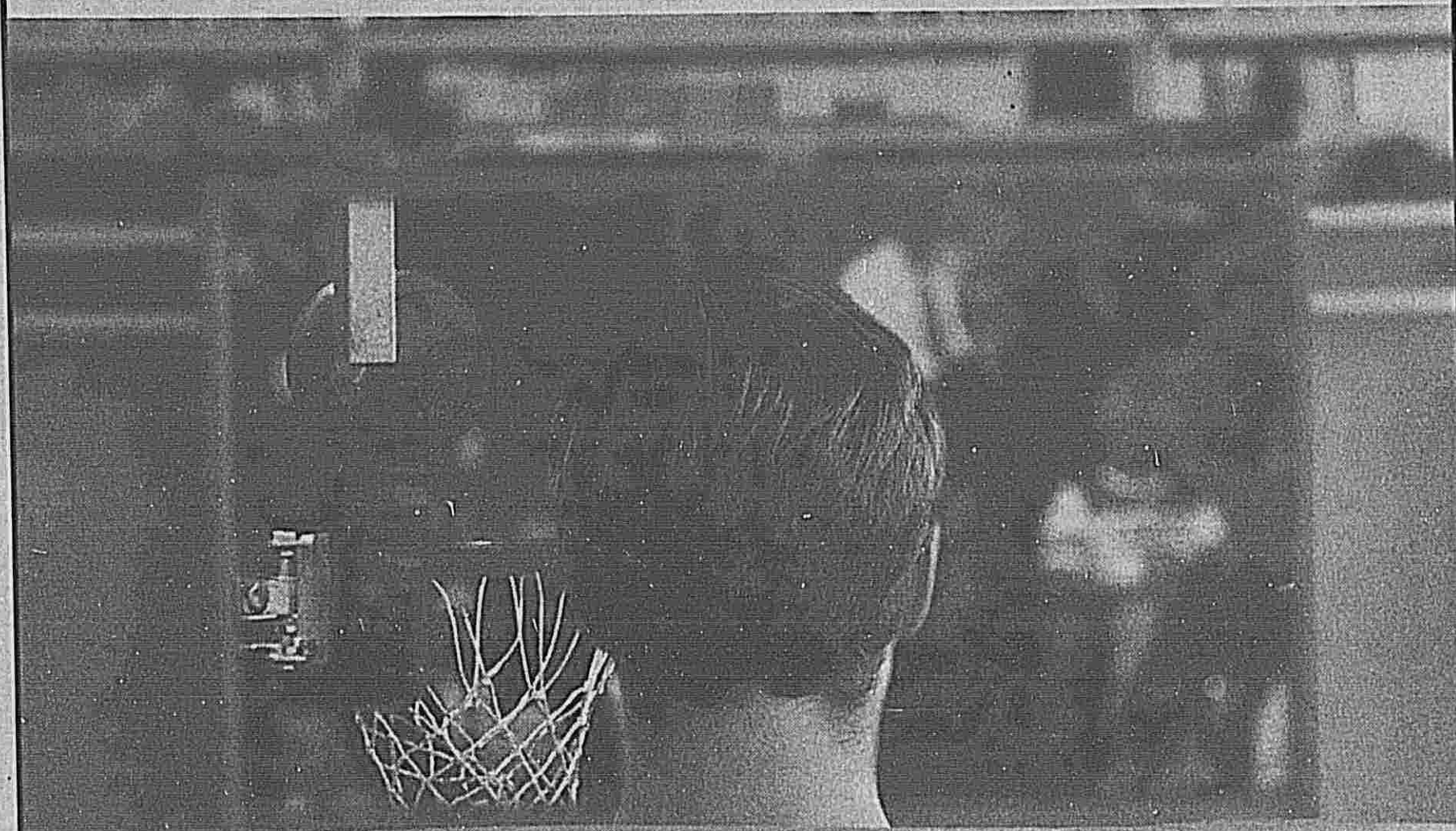
Does anyone remember four years ago when Tim Perry was running for his first term as mayor? The town was filled with division, the village board was bickering, there was poor communication between the schools, park district, and other civic organizations. Mayor Perry brought the board together with a vision and a plan, allowing the town to grow and prosper once more.

Under Mayor Perry's leadership people once again worked for the best interest of the town and not their own personal agendas. During his term he has grown the commercial and business base by bringing in new business, retaining current businesses. One of his most recent success was the approval of the Central Range Project. I remember him working on the Central Range back in the early 90's when he was a member of the Economic Development Commission.

Many people are saying they will bring non-residential growth to the area, Tim has been doing this for the last 15 years. Since the past predicts the future, Tim is the right choice for the next four years. Tim is a local businessman, who's experiences as chamber president, EDC member, Trustee, and Mayor make him the best candidate. There is no one more qualified. I urge you to vote for Tim Perry for Mayor.

Steve Lawrence
Grayslake

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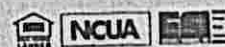
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Spring cleaning

We are lifelong Wauconda residents who have seen many changes come to our town.

Since 1998, we have been frequent participants of Wauconda's Zoning and Village Board meetings. Sadly, we have seen what a board without vision can do to ruin a beautiful town and the quality of life of hardworking, honest citizens who trusted their elected officials to "do the right thing" and work on their behalf.

During this time we witnessed outgoing Mayor Jim Eschenbach and his political team seriously damage Wauconda's future by supporting high density developments that neither complied with our comprehensive plan nor with the wishes of the neighbors whose idea of "home" has now been seriously altered.

Eschenbach's team included Gregg Turner, a former trustee and current candidate for Mayor, Dave Wanshek, a former trustee and Turner's campaign manager, Carl Aronson, and Lorrie Godawa. Eschenbach, Godawa and Aronson have all decided not to seek reelection. But they are all running..... from their deplorable record and legacy to Wauconda.

These officials ignored problems associated with the sewage treatment plant until the EPA forced them to take action and protect the residents and the environment. Under their watch, environmental laws and village ordinances that had been established to protect Bangs Lake and the natural community as well as the people in these communities, were violated. They allowed uncontrolled growth that has created a tax burden for every resident. We will be paying for increased services through our taxes for years to come because of their short sighted decisions on growth. They did not focus on bringing in business that would have helped offset the cost of over-development to taxpayers. Senior citizens were used as pawns in elections by using senior housing as bait for votes. Nothing was done about the senior housing issue until these elected officials were successfully challenged by a growing rage from citizens and candidates Sal Saccomanno, Pat Murphy and Paul Bird in the 2002 election.

Eschenbach and his team were unwilling to listen to many dedicated and intelligent citizens who forewarned of the problems associated with high density development. They sided time and time again with developers who were not concerned about Wauconda's future.

We are at a critical crossroad in our history and we have a very important election ahead. Many of the problems facing the new board will be inherited. Wauconda will need people with great vision as the problems that face us are difficult.

That is why we are very excited about Wauconda's political future in the candidacies of Sal Saccomanno for Mayor, Mark Knigge, Cathy Scott, and Lincoln Knight for Trustees. These four hard working and intelligent individuals and the current village board members of Pat Murphy and Paul Bird, will make one of the finest village boards Wauconda has ever seen.

Finally! A village board the Wauconda community can trust and be proud of!

Please join us in supporting "WAUCONDA FIRST" on Tuesday, April 5.

Kathleen Reilly
Mary Reilly-Bastien
Wauconda

What's wrong with being a teacher?

What is so wrong with being a teacher? I refuse to believe the career that I've chosen is a drag on society and that what I do impacts my community negatively. Here are my reasons for teaching and maybe you will understand why I feel the way I do.

After an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, I came back to Illinois to go to college. I pretty much had my choice of careers and I knew I wanted to make a difference. Ronald Reagan once said about Marines "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem."

I thought about my own life about the people that made a difference to me. The first thought that came to mind was that I wanted to be a parent. I didn't even have a girlfriend at the time and I knew you didn't need to go to college to be a parent. These are the people who's lessons and my parent's guidance shaped the person I am today. So I decided that I would enroll in the College of Education at Southern Illinois University and I became a teacher.

My father and mother are both high school graduates and I am only the second of their eight children to graduate from college. My father was so proud of the idea, he actually asked my mom for a piece of paper and hand-wrote me a letter, telling me so, in January of my freshman year. It was the only letter my mother ever saw him write. He was diagnosed with cancer in May of that year and died in September.

After graduating from college, I taught for a year then tried to make more money doing other things. I eventually came back to teaching, and I am extremely proud of what it is that I do. This year I became a teacher at my daughter's school and she was very excited. I am currently making about \$15,000 less a year than I did before. Even though my wife and I discuss the financial implications of this decision often, we both know it was the right decision to make.

They are voting on a tax referendum in my hometown of Mokenca, this year. My mother has told me she will be voting yes because she knows what the schools have done for her kids. She is liv-

ing off my dad's pension and social security. I know because I do her taxes.

I am extremely happy with what I do, but I work harder than I ever did in the private sector. I am proud of what I do. More significantly, I know I'm making a difference., to both the community in which I live and to society as a whole. I am soon going to start a Master's Degree program so that I can be even better at what I do. If that makes me overqualified and/or overpaid, then so be it.

David E. Schopf
Gurnee

10 reasons to say 'No' to road tax

Ten reasons to vote No on the Lake County road tax on April 5:

10. Lake County taxpayers already pay local, state and federal taxes for roads.

9. Lake County lawmakers, rather than working together to bring home state and federal tax dollars for road improvements, have opted to pass the burden onto Lake County taxpayers.

8. A road tax burdens families, as each family member (including spouses, teens and college students) would pay \$44 per person. The bigger the family, the more the family pays.

7. A road tax burdens senior citizens living on fixed incomes giving seniors another reason to flee our over-taxed county.

6. A road tax burdens people with limited incomes, especially low-income and single-parent families.

5. A road tax cuts into available taxpayer funds to support more pressing referendum issues, such as schools. When faced with multiple referendum decisions and limited family budgets, saying "No" to the road tax is a no-brainer.

4. Road taxes would be lost in bureaucracy and politics.

3. A road tax, like tolls, would be a double tax that would never go away.

2. If McHenry County can get state funds for road improvements and Mayor Daley can seek federal funding for airport expansion, why can't Lake County lawmakers tap into state and federal funds for road improvements?

And the No. 1 reason to put the brakes on the Lake County road tax:

1. Bailing out years of complacency by the Lake County Board will feed more complacency.

Sean Hanrahan
Antioch

How could this happen?

It is obvious to anyone that attended the Fort Sheridan meeting of the full forest preserve board that the commissioners were fed a menu of garbage. We had a few astute members such as O'Kelly, Martini, Carlson, and Whitmore that didn't buy the story from the inception. We were warned a long time ago that it was not possible to get a Cadillac for a Yugo price but the majority of the board did not listen and we are back to square one after all these years.

We don't need the golf course or the upkeep of the cemetery and we surely are not interested in the property value of a few people increasing at the expense of the County tax payers.

At the current cost that could exceed \$24 million no average citizen could afford the greens fees. Even at the 14 million fantasy number most of the people of Lake County will be left out of the mix. Maybe we should name the course FORT RICH because those are the people that will be enjoying the so called beauty of the course.

Mr. Hahn has a big job in the coming year to find a way to reduce the expectations of the Highland Park, Lake Forest crowd that so dearly want this White Elephant for their own Private Club.

Those commissioners that spoke for the Course with no regard for cost either don't have the interest of the people of Lake County at heart or are not suited for the position they hold. At least one course in accounting should be mandatory to hold the position of commissioner that deals in millions.

My opinion is it will put undue pressure on Thunderhawk Golf Course to make a profit and cost us more money.

There are many options to explore and I can think of no one better to assign the job to than Mr.Hahn because you will get the truth for a change from the Forest Preserve.

Marvin Westfall
Lincolnshire

It's your right-Vote

Although it is heartwarming to see more visual support for our Gurnee District 56 referendum—I know it can still be a long shot- why? Because we have so many people getting misinformation about the necessity of this referendum and the nay-sayers propagating their ill-conceived knowledge. Some are saying 'why go for a seventh time, get the message already!' - We're not going anywhere- this is a NEED not a want of our district that will keep coming back until it's passed.

I was amused to read a letter not too long ago from another parent suggesting we double our registration fees- that he would pay for his child's education himself and didn't think we should impose on the tax-payers for it. I wonder if this parent realizes just how high his bill would be if he had to pay for all the services his child, and many others might receive in school. When a child has special needs, reading assistance, speech therapy, social

services, this is all part of the public education system and given to the child, based on need, not on payment. For the record, our registration fees DID go up this year- for all levels- almost double. But did you know our enrollment has increased 45 percent since 1990— ask yourself- if your family size increased 45 percent-you would cut corners and increase your income to cover additional expense- because the cost of living does go up each year!

In an ideal world, everyone would pay their own way. Public education, as others have pointed out, was set up because we know not everyone can pay individually their own way- it is PUBLIC education- we are the public- we educate our youth because we know they will be the ones to inherit this place from us and pass it on to the next generation, hopefully in a better light.

Some talk about teacher's salaries— facts: our average STARTING salary is \$28,992 - as opposed to the state average of \$30,876. Our Average salary is \$49, 715, as opposed to \$54,000. People keep quoting hi-end salaries- as stated so eloquently in recent letters- you work for a company for over 15, 20, 25 years, your salary should be up there! This is not the average.

I have witnessed first hand, living in other school districts- including the Chicago Public School System, mismanagement of educational environments and I have to commend the District 56 Board of Education for the exemplary job they have tirelessly done. They have managed to keep our district financially stable, making some very tough cuts to do so. We cannot want or expect them to do more- we would be cutting off our own hands in the process. Did you know our library aids were cut? students no longer have regular library time, computer aids were cut, for some buildings computer time altogether is non-existent or very limited for some classes, we no longer have Spanish offered to our junior high students? our kindergarten teachers are without aids? (I challenge any reader to teach 25-30 small 5 year olds and keep your sanity!) Our classes are literally busting at the seams. This is not just about extra-curricular activities either-this is also about class sizes, teacher support, and re-establishing the level of education we associate with District 56.

A final note to all the parents of District 56 students- whether you're voting yes or no (and I'll abstain from my thoughts to those who are parents of students and could actually entertain the idea of voting no) and just VOTE- you have the awesome privilege to live in a country where voting is as easy as breathing and not everyone takes advantage of this ability. Show your child you appreciate your right to vote and do it! The polls open before school does, take them with you. Use it as a learning opportunity as well, I know I do.

Rosanne Bacaling
Gurnee

Grass Lake School Referendum deserves support

On April 5 Grass Lake School District 36 in Antioch (not to be confused with Grayslake) will once again put their future in the hands of the voters. Our tiny district has been struggling with deficit spending as have many districts and this will be its sixth referendum attempt in five years. The last time District 36 passed an education referendum was 1989. Immediately following the vote, however, a tax cap was imposed by the state and none of that money was ever realized by the school. Prior to that, the last education tax increase was in 1979.

As school expenses have increased, reimbursement from the state and federal government has decreased. Presently 77 percent of our revenue comes from local property taxes, 18 percent from the state, and 5 percent from the federal government. There is no industry in our district to augment our funding, so we are forced to rely on the taxpayers. The district has been very frugal while trying to continue to provide a high-quality education. It has been necessary to cut all teachers' aides, the music and gifted programs, social work, the librarian, and all sports and extra-curricular activities. In addition, we function with a superintendent only—no principal. We are currently on the state's financial watch list. If this referendum fails again, it is unclear what will occur. Possibilities include financial takeover of the district by the state (meaning a probable mandatory tax increase to be determined by our legislators in Springfield, possible further cuts, and a cost to the district of \$250,000 adding more to the deficit), dissolution/annexation of the district to an adjoining district (since the district has a population less than 5,000 people, this could be accomplished by vote of the board of education if they felt it was in the best interest of the students), or consolidation with an adjoining district. All of the options being considered would result in a much larger increase in property taxes than approval of the proposed referendum.

I would invite members of the community to compare our tax rate to those of our neighbors. Antioch Consolidated District 34 pays 43 percent more than we do, Lake Villa pays 37.6 percent more, and Emmons 31 percent more. Even with the proposed increase of \$0.60 we will still pay from 3-12 percent less than the adjoining districts pay at this time. This is not the case of a district that overspends and then runs to the voters to support a referendum. This is the case of a school that had a needed referendum approved by the voters in 1989, that never received any of the funds, and that has continued to provide a good solid education for its students.

The time has come for the voters in Grass Lake School District to step up to the plate and support their school. It is unfortunate that this is the way our schools are funded, but until the system changes, the kids are depending on you.

Debbie Davis
Antioch

Great neighbors

Sincere thanks to the wonderful neighbors on our block in the middle of Antioch. Due to a power outage that lasted over 17 hours, besides the sump pump failure that resulted in a flooded basement, we were running out of oxygen tanks required for my husband.

Keith Cox, (despite his own flooded lower level) volunteered to help string extension cords across my street in a downpour, to Beth and Russ Dusak's house who donated their electricity. Keith waded through our flood to hook-up the basement pump and ran power to our electric oxygen concentrator. Charles Toman offered his generator also. Rudy and Rite Gantar have always been supportive, be it clogged gutters, a heavy garbage can, fresh baked strudel, etc., and they are my most "senior" neighbors. These wonderful folks define the word "neighbors."

Marge Warner
Antioch

Does experience matter?

Island Lake has an election for Village offices that shows that experience makes the difference. This is why citizens should support the "5 for Island Lake Party."

Look at the Kriss Becker, the village clerk candidate. She has worked for the Village of Island Lake for 16 years as village collector and deputy village clerk. She has a flawless record of accurate minutes for village board meetings, and keeps Village records in an organized and well maintained manner. Voting for another candidate for clerk is a vote against an accomplished clerk who is getting the job done for the citizens.

Trustee candidate Tom Baur spent 30 years as the Vice President for Tietz and Baur Plastics, a custom molding company. Trustee Sally Fleissner is the President of ETAC, Inc., an electrical troubleshooting and contracting company. Trustee Candidate Steve Deasey is a purchasing manager at Baxter Healthcare in Round Lake. Each of the "5 for Island Lake Party" candidates are accomplished businesspeople, which are sorely needed to control costs and hold the line on taxes.

Mayor candidate Tom Martin is the vice president for operations of Monnex International, a manufacturing company. Tom Martin has participated in every committee in village government, and has a deep understanding of how Village government works. Every Village in our area is facing financial challenges. It takes a Mayor with an understanding of good business practices, and a familiarity with the operations of Village government, to lead Island Lake onto solid financial ground.

"5 for Island Lake" has the experience to make a difference for the citizens of Island Lake, and deserves the voter's support on April 5.

David Meeks
Island Lake

'No, means no'

One of the basic tenets of education is that learning is cumulative. In my past experience as a teacher, I know that my students, success in mastering sixth grade math or eighth grade Pre-Algebra is determined, in part, by how much of the material they have mastered in the previous years' and that this has been true in every year of their schooling, right down to the pre-learning skills that a child brings to kindergarten.

The Gurnee District 56 School Board understands this principle. They have been asked when they will understand that "no means no." This comes from people who believe that the situation for our students has remained the same since the first effort at passing a referendum. This is, in fact, far from the case. As each election comes and goes, our students remain in core academic classes with too many students, their materials and non-consumable supplies become more well-used and dated, and their opportunity for learning things like foreign language and technology passes. Each "roadblock" to receiving a quality education slows down our students, progress in every area.

The Gurnee School Board has said it continues to put this referendum on the ballot because the need is still there. Because of the cumulative nature of learning, I contend that the need actually grows greater with each day, month or year that our students do not receive the quality education they deserve. With each failed referendum, the cost of our students, academic recovery increases in both time and money. Let's not be penny-wise and pound-foolish. Vote YES on April 5.

Vanessa Molzahn
Gurnee

Deserve the best

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Cynthlann King
Wauconda

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Jim Parks



Bob Caulfield

Taso Maravelas

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Jim Parks



Mayor
Taso Maravelas

Mayor Taso Maravelas came to Antioch in the early 1970's to open a downtown restaurant. He and his wife Olga raised their son and daughter in Antioch, both graduating from ACHS. His entire family works in the family business, Maravela's Banquets in Fox Lake. Taso's interest in public service to the Village of Antioch began in the early 1990's. Elected trustee in 1995, he served as license committee chair and was active on the finance committee. Fueled by these challenges, and wanting to apply his business acumen, he ran successfully for mayor in 2001.

"The village was being run very casually, with few procedures and poor accountability. It needed to be run more like a business," says Maravelas. He has focused on village finances, "It's the people's money, and they want absolute accountability."

Taso speaks often of Antioch's future. "We can improve downtown. We need more recreational opportunities. We can keep taxes low and provide excellent city services." He is a tireless promoter of Antioch, talking of the town's beautiful geography and friendly people to all who will listen.

Taso looks forward to Antioch's challenges and opportunities.



Dennis Crosby
For Trustee

Dennis Crosby and his family could have lived anywhere in America, and they chose Antioch. Dennis worked his way up from airline ticket agent to vice president of American Airlines. He has 36 years of business experience and is currently running a profitable business providing freight services to over 2,000 US and International customers.

Dennis is eager to apply his background to serve the citizens of Antioch as trustee. "Our Village is at a crossroads with challenges requiring business competence at the board level. Village trustees should be independent, but able to work as a team. We must correct past inadequacies that led to inconsistent planning, organizing, and spending." He sees Antioch as increasingly attractive for residential and commercial growth. "Working together, residents and the Board can and must make Antioch 'business friendly' while not compromising Antioch's charm and heritage."

Dennis, his wife Patti and 11 year-old daughter enjoy their new home town. "We spent a lot of years moving around, but now we have a home town with parades, civic events, and friendly faces."

Dennis is excited about working with the Mayor, Bob Caulfield, and Jim Parks. "This is a great team for the future."



Trustee
Bob Caulfield

Trustee Bob Caulfield lives in Antioch with his wife Janet and their four children. Bob is a professional photographer, and owns a successful portrait business in Antioch.

Trustee Caulfield is chairman of the finance committee. "We've done so much in four years, but there's so much more to do," says Caulfield. "We inherited a disorganized village budget deep in the red, and now we are operating in the black with auditable books. It's the people's money, there is no room for error."

Bob is gratified by how many residents say they notice a remarkable improvement. He believes village employees should have the best equipment for the job. "I am proud of this transformation," says Caulfield.

For the next term, Bob places downtown redevelopment and financial accountability a high priority. He plans to use his business and financial expertise to reach that goal. "We've made good progress; we need to finish the job."

Bob runs on his record and vision. "If you love Antioch now, you'll love it even more in the future!"



Jim Parks
For Trustee

Jim Parks and his family moved to Antioch in 1995. He has over 30 years experience in sales, management, and operations. He has extensive experience directing the growth of small and large business units with American Hospital Supply /Baxter Healthcare / Allegiance Healthcare as well as start-up businesses.

Jim made a big investment in Antioch when he bought the remaining lots in the Mystic Cove subdivision. He intends to build the remaining lots in the distinct style of Mystic Cove where he lives. "We live on Lake Antioch and see downtown Antioch in the distance. It's the view of a lifetime," he smiles.

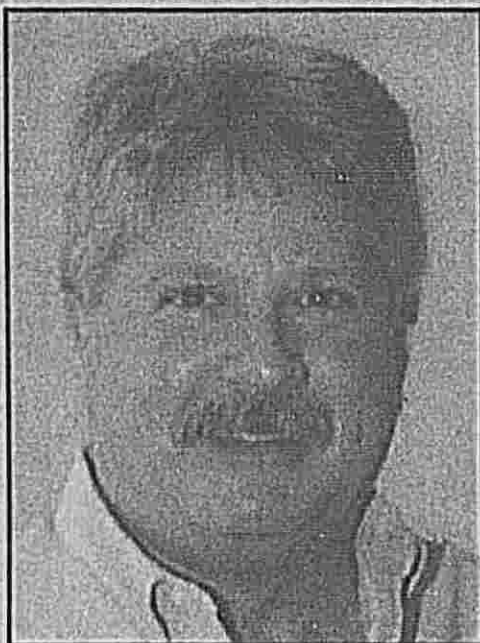
Jim will apply his business skills to being village trustee. "You're called a 'trustee' for a reason - people should trust you to do what's right". Being in a position of trust is not new to him, he is on the Mystic Cove homeowner's board and the 'Friends of Lake Antioch' board.

Jim and his wife Marita have three married children and three grandchildren. His daughter was married in Mystic Cove. "We love it, its home," beams Jim.

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"Antioch Township residents are being well served by incumbent Township Supervisor Stephen Smouse, a life-long resident of Antioch and should feel no hesitation returning him to office for another four-year term." Antioch Review, 3.24.05

"Smouse has the best hands-on knowledge of the office of any of the three candidates running. He has rolled up his sleeves and personally dived into many of the tasks his office oversees, from delivering mosquito larva pellets to homeowners groups to jumping into his plow-equipped truck to help out during heavy snows." Antioch Review, 3.24.05

"During Smouse's time as supervisor, the township partnered with the high school and Lake Villa Township to build a township center. It also obtained a \$702,000 grant to buy 70 acres of parkland."
Daily Herald, 3.17.05

"We like Smouse's conservatism and endorse him for another term."
Daily Herald, 3.17.05

"County Board Member Judy Martini has previously railed against double-dipping, elected officers serving in more than one public office, and her motives for seeking township supervisor at this point are unclear." Antioch Review, 3.24.05

"Martini has good ideas but, if elected, would keep her County Seat. We do not back politicians holding two elected posts. Doing so means drawing two public paychecks, creates possible conflicts of interest and goes against the notion that these elected jobs are part-time citizen positions."
Daily Herald, 3.17.05

"...Steve Smouse has kept the township running smoothly..." *Antioch News, 3.18.05*

"...Smouse is proud that the township has had six perfect audits in a row, and always on budget."
Antioch News, 3.18.05

"Having worked closely with Steve for the past eight years, I can attest that Steve has a proven record of accomplishment and deserves to be re-elected." *Mark Ring, Antioch Highway Commissioner*

"As Antioch changes, it's very important to keep our wonderful community moving in the right direction. I am asking for your support of Steve Smouse for Antioch Township Supervisor."
Kathleen Smith, Antioch Township Clerk

"I've had the privilege of working with Steve Smouse for the past 8 years. I believe Steve is the best person to serve the needs of the township for the future." *Heather Kufalk-Marotta, Antioch Township Assessor*

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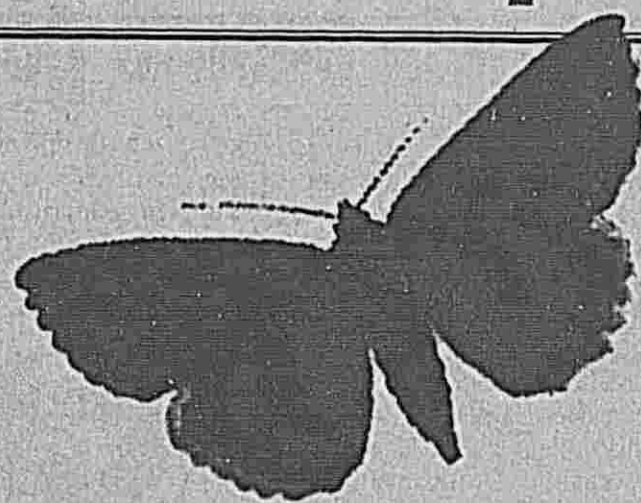
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The 28-acres along the Garden's western perimeter bursts into bloom for the first time in April, featuring a 1.25-mile appetizer of what awaits visitors inside the Chicago Botanic Garden. All along the wall, bold colors and rolling vistas provide drivers along the Eden's Expressway with more than 100,000 blooming daffodils, hundreds of perfumed crab apple trees and spring-flowering lilac and forsythia.

In the heart of the Chicago Botanic Garden - containing 25 display gardens and three natural habitats - hundreds of thousands of flowering bulbs show off vibrant colors and send forth delicate scents. The Japanese Garden is among the gems, with magnolia, cherry and crab apple trees and 1,000 compact Korean azaleas blooming. The overlook area in the Lakeside Garden bursts with more than 10,000 new Muscari bulbs this spring.

Special Events

The Midwest Show of shows for antiques and garden lovers — the sixth annual Antiques & Garden Fair — offers a breath of spring when it returns to the Chicago Botanic Garden on Friday through Sunday, April 15 to 17. The much-anticipated show features more than 100 exhibitors of garden antiques and specialty new products from the United States and Europe. A special preview evening offers guests the opportunity to enjoy priority shopping and sumptuous buffets and refreshments. Preview hours are from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 14. Tickets start at \$200 per person and are available by phone at 847-835-8326.

Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A post-event plant sale begins at 5:30 p.m. A weekend pass to the Antiques & Garden Fair is \$18 at the door; \$15 in advance. Accompanied by an adult, children age 16 and younger are free. There will be a \$15 fee per car to park at the Garden. Parking at the Garden is \$15. Parking also is available at the nearby Ravinia Festival grounds for \$5 per car. Garden members may park at the Ravinia grounds for free. Shuttles will provide free door-to-door, round-trip service from Ravinia. Additional parking fees apply for vans, RVs and buses.

As part of the Antiques & Garden Fair,

author and former fashion designer Carolyne Roehm of New York City, Paris and Connecticut, and award-winning landscape architect Charles J. Stick of Charlottesville, Va., will present a luncheon/lecture, *The Garden at Weatherstone*, at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 15. Tickets are \$100. For more information or to order tickets, call 847-835-8326, or visit www.chicagobotanic.org/antiques.

Four artists transform ordinary fruit into images that reflect the wonder, vibrancy and natural beauty of life in *Fruitful Abundance*, an exhibit of paintings on display and for sale in the Gallery at the Garden from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Featured are oversized oil paintings of apples, melon and kiwi by Ohio artist Dennis Wotkiewicz; dramatic paintings of fruit against dark backgrounds by Tom Seghi, Miami Beach, Fla.; oil still lifes of seasonal fruit in wooden containers by Denise Mickilowski, Cambridge, Mass.; and tabletop stone sculptures of fruit by Susan Falkman, Mequon, Wis. The exhibit runs Thursday, April 14 through Sunday, June 12.

Visitors to A Bloomin' Sale will discover a "Potted Paradise" filled with unique container gardens, plus the Midwest's premier selection of perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, vines, aquatics, grasses, roses and herbs. More than 40,000 plants will be for sale at the 39th annual event, sponsored by the Woman's Board of the Chicago Horticultural Society. The sale is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 14 to 15. Special members-only sale hours are 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 13, and 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14. P. Allen Smith, television host, writer and professional garden designer, will make a special guest appearance on Saturday, to provide a container gardening demonstration and book signing.

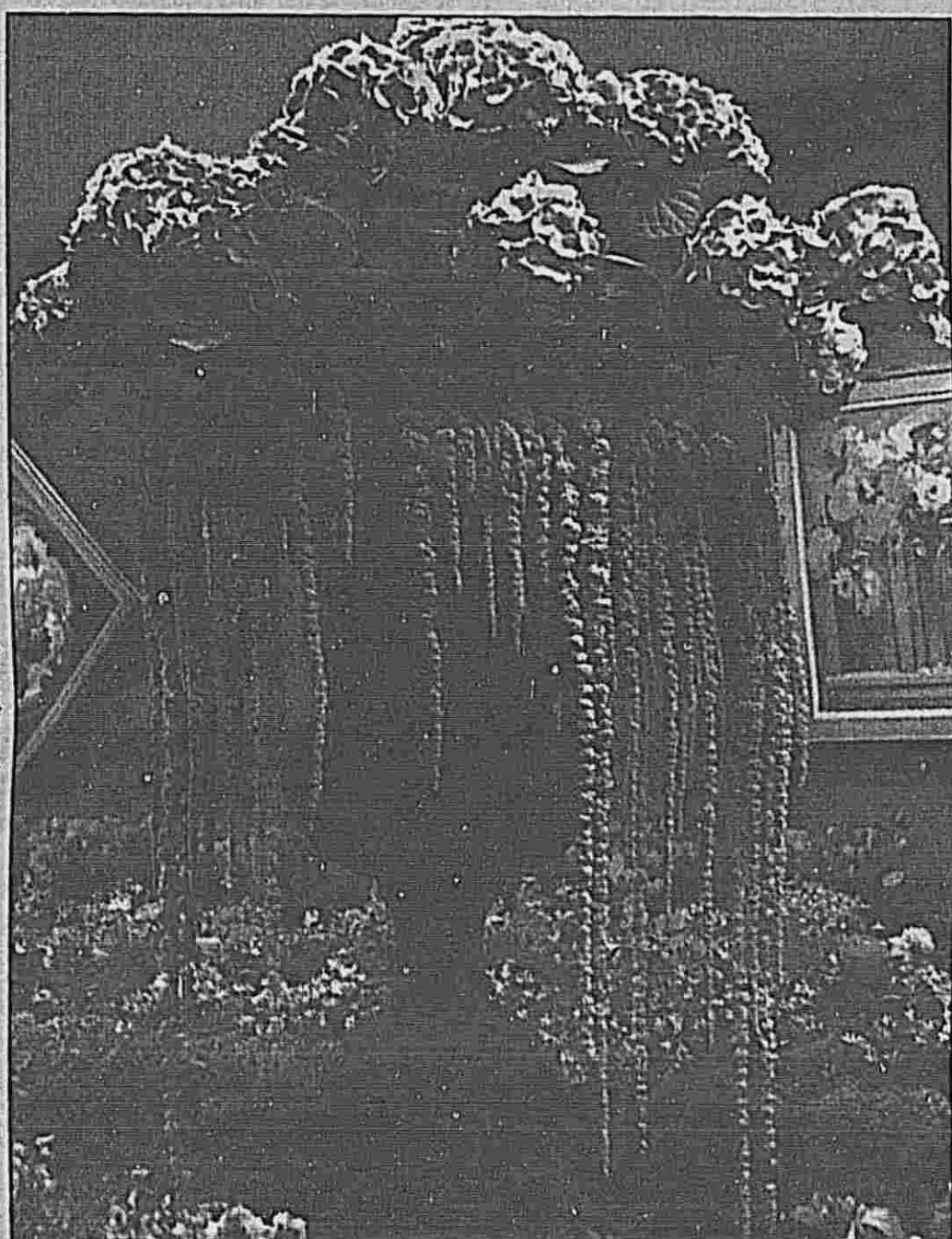
With its reputation for hosting the most diverse and largest number of plant shows in America, the Garden presents several plant shows and sales this spring, including the:

Midwest Daffodil Society Show, Seigyoku-kai Sogetsu Ikebana Society Show and Barrington Bloomers African Violet Society Show on April 23 to 24; Northern Chicagoland Rose Clinic and Sale on April 24; Central States Dahlia Society Sale on May 1; American Rhododendron Society Display and Sale on May 7 to 8; and Midwest Bonsai Society Spring Show and Sale, May 21-22.

The free Lily Lecture Series, sponsored by the Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society, wraps up at 2 p.m. on April 24, with a panel of leading lily experts. Panel members will discuss gardening tricks for growing lilies, review propagation techniques and answer audience questions.

Education

A series of free spring garden walks, led by Garden horticulturists and staff, begins Saturday, April 23 with an Earth Day walk through the 100-acre McDonald Woods. The naturally occurring oak woodland community of plants and animals has been restored, so the public can experience the rich native



communities that once covered the Midwest. Subsequent walking tours explore a different garden each week and last from 45 minutes to one hour. Tours depart from the Gateway Visitor Center at 1 p.m. Saturdays through May 28.

Visitors are invited to take self-guided walks anytime through the McDonald Woods, where they will see the first signs of spring. The woods feature native woodland wildflowers, as well as birds and butterflies that inhabit this diverse oak woodland community. Sweeps of bulbs and colorful container gardens highlight self-guided walks on the east and west sides of the Garden's Main Island. Children can pick up an Eye Spy game at the Information Desk in the Gateway Visitors Center, to turn their walk into a treasure hunt.

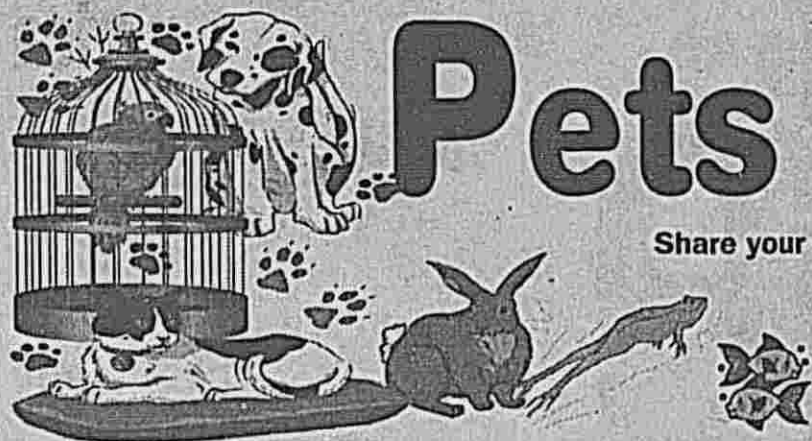
The Discovery Program series offers visitors of all ages the opportunity to explore a variety of gardening topics with volunteers in an informal setting. Volunteers are available in the Buehler Enabling, Regenstein Fruit and Vegetable, Japanese and English Walled gardens from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, from May 11 through Oct. 9.

Beginning in early April, weather permitting, visitors can learn more about the Garden through narrated daily tram tours. The Grand Tram, which makes stops at the Evaluation Gardens, Children's Garden and Prairie, provides an overview of the entire Garden, including spectacular views of the Japanese Garden and Evening Island. The Bright Encounters Tram gives an up-close tour of the Garden's Main Island. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for visitors age 62 and over; \$3 for children ages 3-12. Chicago Botanic Garden members receive a \$1 discount. Tickets and schedule information are available at the Tram Ticket Booth outside the Gateway Visitors Center.

Visitors are encouraged to use the Garden's well-stocked

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PETS CORNER

St. Peter

Named after the church in Antioch where he was found, St. Peter is a 3 year old neutered domestic shorthair who is very affectionate. This guy was adopted out once and returned after only one week. He hasn't been dog or cat tested yet but seems to get along with other cats.



Garrett

This 120-pound big guy loves to play and would like to run around in a large, fenced-in yard. Garrett is a rottweiler/lab mix and is 9 years old. He is sensitive but social and will do anything not to go back in his kennel.



Sammy

Sammy hates other cats, but is very sweet and loves to purr and be affectionate to her owners. This 9 year old domestic shorthair would be fine in virtually any home. She has been partially declawed and is spayed.



Snow Bunny and Bunny Slippers

Snow Bunny (right), a black and white Shih-Tzu and Bunny Slippers, a longhaired chihuahua are a loveable twosome which must be adopted as a pair. The two were saved from a Chicago shelter and are very friendly yet shy and could fit into most any home. Both dogs, about a year old, were recently spayed.



Save-A-Pet is located at 31664 N. Fairfield Road, Grayslake. It's closed on Tuesday, open 1-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1-8 p.m. on Thursday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 847-740-7788 or go to www.save-a-pet-il.org.

Tests help ensure pet's safety during surgery

Neutering or spaying a pet seems like such a routine event that people often forget that any surgery involves a certain amount of risk. The goal of the veterinarian is to reduce the risk as much as possible to ensure that the pet wakes up from surgery healthy, happy, and ready to go home. This is why a pre-anesthetic blood screening before any surgery is essential.

Dr. Rhonda Schulman, a veterinarian at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana, says pre-anesthetic blood screening before any surgery is important. "While most healthy animals are at minimal risk for complications during an elective surgery such as a neuter or spay, there is always the chance that an animal might have an underlying problem that might not manifest itself until the animal is put under anesthesia. Surgery is not a good time to discover that there is a problem."

Many vets may recommend that a minimum blood work database be run before surgery to check for abnormalities in kidney and liver function. Many drugs used for anesthesia are metabolized by the liver and excreted by the kidneys into the urine.

If one of these organs is not working properly, the animal may not wake up for a long time after surgery because its body cannot get rid of the drug. If the kidneys are not working, then the drug may stay in the bloodstream because it is not being excreted into the urine. If the liver is not working properly, the drug may not be broken down and may continue to affect the animal long after surgery is over.

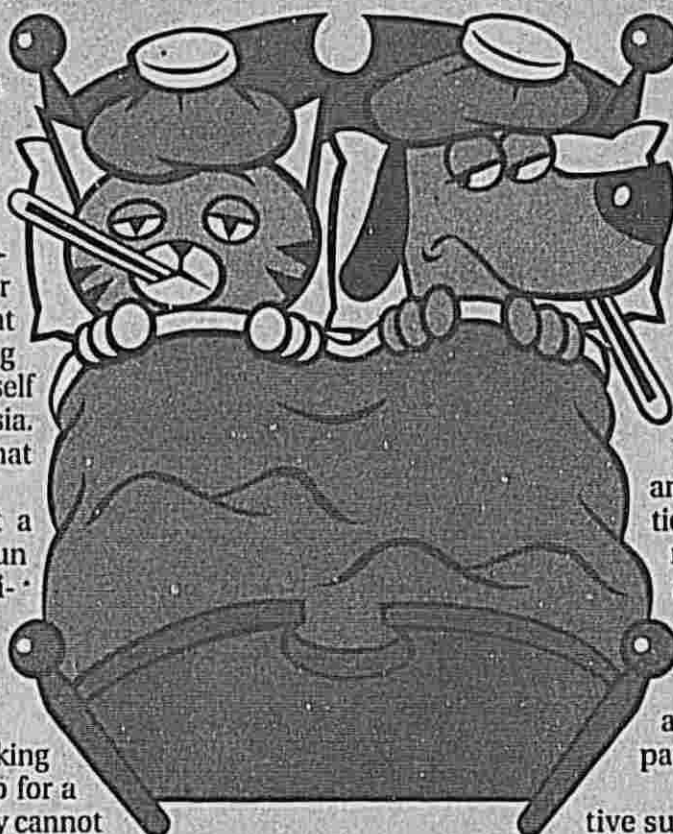
"This is just one example of a complication that could arise during surgery if there were some unknown underlying problem," Schulman said. "Checking for these problems in advance can help to avoid major complications during surgery."

Often, when abnormalities are found on the pre-anesthetic blood screening, the surgery is still performed as planned, but certain changes may be made to ensure the safety of the animal under anesthesia.

"Most often, the changes that are made to the surgery are changes in the selection of the drugs," Schulman said. "For instance, if an animal has renal (kidney) dysfunction, we might choose a drug that is not excreted by the kidneys."

Sick animals require a more thorough pre-anesthetic evaluation than do healthy ones. "In the case of animals that have pre-existing conditions, we will do more thorough diagnostic testing to make sure that the anesthesia does not exacerbate the condition or cause some other crisis during the surgery," Schulman said. "This way we can tailor the anesthesia to the special needs of the patient."

"If your pet is having an elective surgery such as a spay or neuter and your vet gives you the option of doing some pre-anesthetic bloodwork, it is always best to go ahead and do it," Schulman said. "The odds of something happening during surgery may be small, but if there is an underlying problem and something goes wrong during



Hot Spots

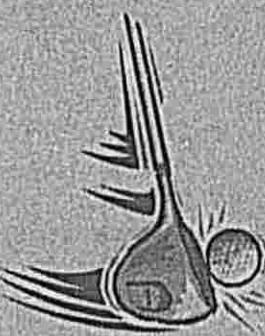
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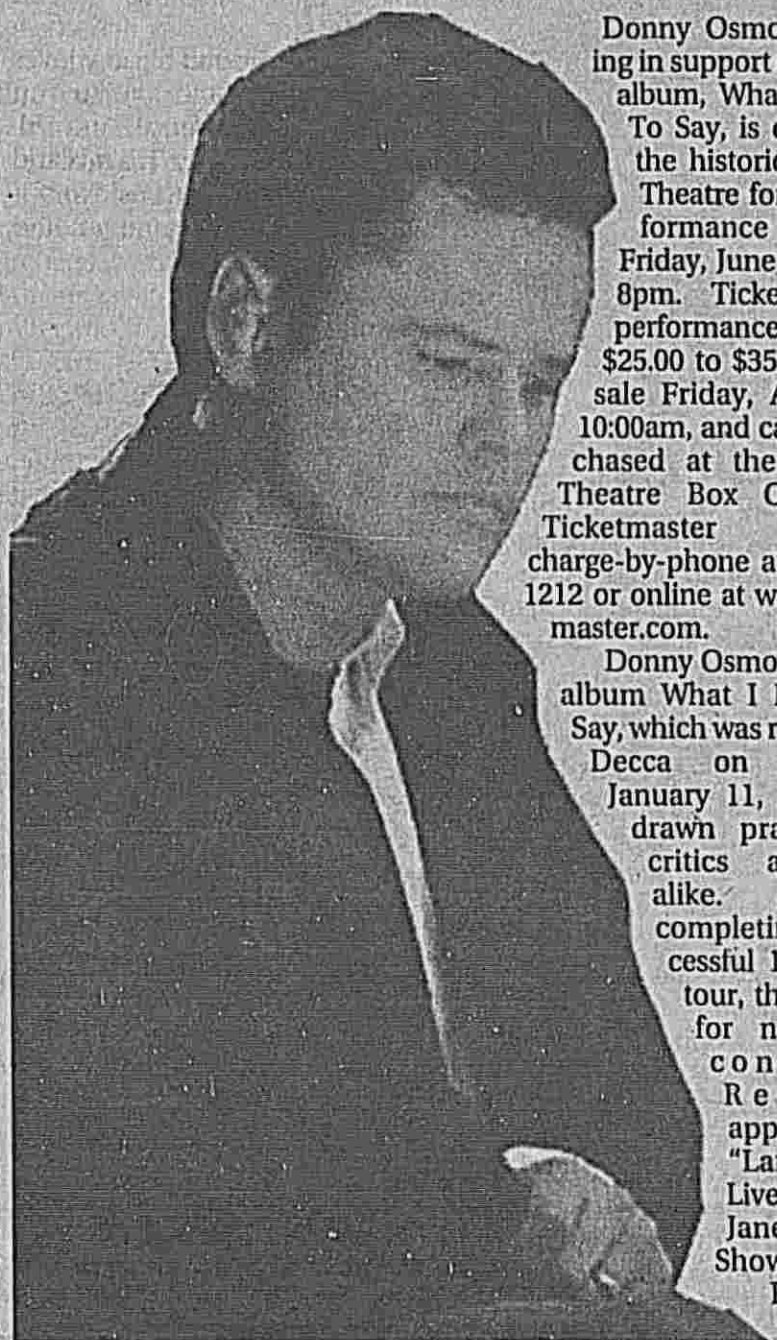
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Donny Osmond makes his way to the Genesee Theatre

Former child phenom to promote *What I Meant To Say* solo album



Donny Osmond, touring in support of his new album, *What I Meant To Say*, is coming to the historic Genesee Theatre for one performance only, Friday, June 3, 2005 at 8pm. Tickets for the performance, priced at \$25.00 to \$35.00, go on sale Friday, April 8 at 10:00am, and can be purchased at the Genesee Theatre Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone at 312-559-1212 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Donny Osmond's latest album *What I Meant To Say*, which was released by Decca on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, has drawn praise from critics and fans alike. After just completing a successful 14-City US tour, the demand for new dates continues. Recently appearing on "Larry King Live" and "The Jane Pauley Show" in February,

Osmond is supporting his CD with performances on major national television shows plus bookings on local television and radio shows surrounding the tour dates.

What I Meant To Say showcases Donny as a singer/songwriter, adding to his success from teen idol to seasoned stage performer, Emmy-nominated TV host to author of his New York Times best-selling autobiography, and pop-star performer since the age of five when he made his television debut on "The Andy Williams Show" (1963). Decades of experience have prepared him for the challenge of writing and producing his first original album, which required him to break free from the trappings and rhetoric of stardom, and to reach into his heart. What he discovered, at last, was 'what he meant to say.'

Billboard observes, "an inspired effort from a performer who has been working on his magic for an astonishing 40 years now. And he has never sounded better" and the New York Post adds, "the guy has a flexible tenor with a big theatrical quality." *What I Meant To Say*, his 54th album, quickly reached the Billboard AC Top 40 and features the

single "Breeze On By" Donny's first Top Ten hit in the UK in 30 years.

Donny Osmond is presented at the Genesee Theatre by Jam Theatricals, a Chicago-based entertainment company that produces and presents national touring productions of Broadway shows in more than 30 cities. Jam has presented notable national touring productions including *STOMP*, *Les Misérables*, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, *Miss Saigon* and *Riverdance* and has produced national tours for the stage, including Eric Idle Exploits Monty Python. For two consecutive years, Jam Theatricals has received a Tony Award nomination: Best Revival of a Play for 2003's *Frankie and Johnny in the Claire de Lune* and Best Play for 2004's *The Retreat from Moscow*. This season Jam is co-producing the new musical, *Monty Python's Spamalot*, which premiered in Chicago prior to opening on Broadway in 2005.

For more press information on Donny Osmond or the Genesee Theatre, including press kits and photos, please contact Michelle Wilmoth at the Genesee Theatre at 847-406-3153 or 224-430-9027.

Mrs. Illinois America Narrates Benefit Fashion Show

Saturday April 16th 2005 marks the twelfth annual benefit champagne

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This year, the show will be narrated by the lovely Yvette Cotorno of Barrington, crowned Mrs. Illinois America.

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The benefit supports the work of the Assisi Animal Foundation of Crystal Lake. The AAF shelters homeless cats and dogs in cheerful non-kill surroundings until new homes are found for them, provides a dynamic animal assisted therapy program introduced back in 1987, which now serves a dozen convalescent and assisted living facilities as well as programs serving adults and children with special needs.

Festivities begin at 11:30 when the Crystal Lake Country Club will welcome benefit guests for cocktails, to meet and greet old and new friends and see items being raffled that afternoon. Tickets are \$30 per person with a reservation deadline of April 12th (no tickets are available at the event).



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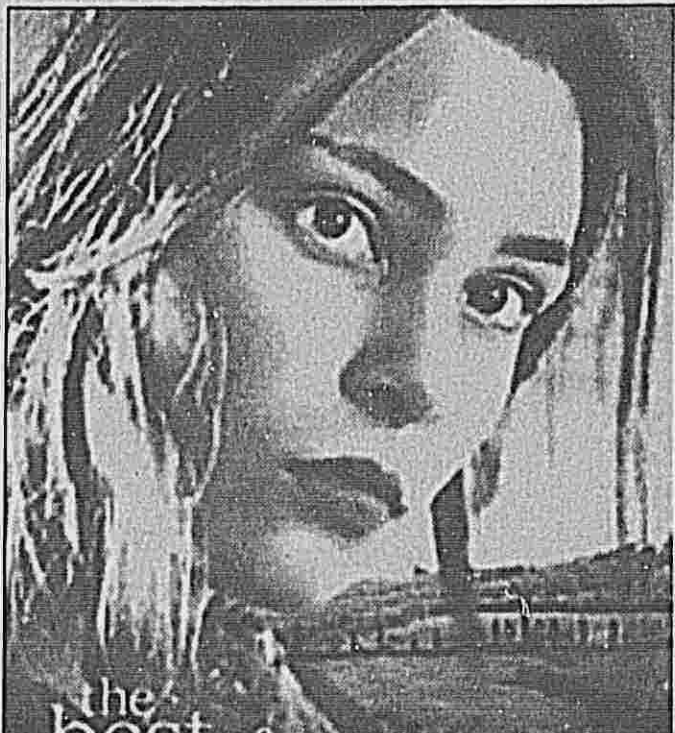
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NEW RELEASES

These films are currently playing at local theaters. An average of six new reviews a week as well as recent releases can be found under Now Playing at www.reelmoviecritic.com.

still playing



Best of Youth: This is a masterpiece. A very personal film, of surprisingly epic proportion, it spans 40 years in the lives of two Italian brothers. So good that in the month of April, it can be proclaimed as "one of the best of the year." (R)



opening this week



Sahara: Master explorer Matthew McConaughey takes on the adventure of his life when he embarks on a treasure hunt through some of the most dangerous regions of West Africa, searching for what locals call the "Ship of Death," a long lost Civil War battleship that protects a secret

cargo. McConaughey and his wise-cracking sidekick Steve Zahn use their wits and clever heroics to help a doctor (Penelope Cruz), when they realize the ship may be linked to mysterious deaths in the very same area. (PG-13)



The value of money

Best known for hard hitting films like "Trainspotting" and "28 Days Later," which deal with drug addiction and disease laden zombies respectively, director Danny Boyle, delivers a heart-warming story about kids and for older kids, that pulls no punches. Revealing a softer side without going soft, Boyle paints a vivid and wildly imaginative picture of two young boys and their father, and about the value of money as a great deal of money.

Falling from the heavens as it does and crashing through the roof of the cardboard playhouse of 7-year-old, Saint obsessed Damian, he naturally thinks the gym bag full of cash is sent from God. In fact, it's loot from a train robbery that's pitched off the fast moving train, to be collected later by the thieves. The bad guy follows the trail, which eventually leads to Damian, and there are some frightening encounters between the two.

In the meantime Damian's older brother Anthony, who is well on his way to becoming a shrewd businessman, wants to invest the money. First to buy friendship at their new school just outside Liverpool, and then to spend the British pounds as quickly as possible before the conversion to Euro dollars. In a few days this money will

be totally worthless. In fact, it was on its way to be burned. Damian wants to give the money to the poor and make the world a better place.

The boys' mother has died recently and Damian asks each of the Saints he sees and talks to if they have met Saint Maureen (their mother). Damian is fully aware that other people do not see these Saints but he knows that they do exist for him. Ronnie, the boys' father, played by James Nesbitt of "Bloody Sunday" (George's #1 film in 2002) and BBC television's "Murphy's Law," has more than enough money to get by. Even with a financial windfall, the money does not erase the pain of their deceased mother and wife.

While younger children may miss many of the nuances in the film, it does offer the opportunity for a discussion on the value of things in ones life, especially money. Damian is able to capture your heart on the screen much like the youngest son in "Finding Neverland, just out on DVD" or "Dear Frankie" (currently in theaters).

There is certainly a mystical feel to the film. For example, the Saints have halos dancing about their heads and they speak in everyday language. The film is speeded up occasionally to denote the passage of time and the boys' imaginations. This creates bright slashes of color as trains streak by or clouds billow along in the sky. Late in the film Damian is visited by



his mother, who assures him that miracles do happen and that he was her miracle.

The brief stories of the legacies of the Saints that play in Damian's mind, and the woman collecting for charities who visits the school, prompts Damian to toss in a roll of cash totaling 10,000 pounds! Very cleverly and importantly touched on in this film is the fact that a few dollars or even some loose coins contributed from individuals in "richer" parts of the world can greatly benefit people living in poor conditions. Vaccines and water are precious and cheap, and allow the people to become self-sufficient with wells for drinking and irrigation to grow food. This is illustrated beautifully in the magical closing scenes of this wonderful film.

At a time when many people in the western world see the deepening contrasts between "the haves and the have nots," grabbing a moment to understand ourselves so that we don't take things for granted is a good thing. Even better is when we are motivated to do something for others in the world so that our good fortune is somehow shared beyond our comfortable personal space.

5 Millions

Review by
Pam & George O. Singleton
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Cast

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Damian Cunningham
Lewis Owen McGibbon
Anthony Cunningham
James Nesbitt Ronnie
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Flavors

Slim volumes open up world of salad dressing, pesto options



Tom Witom

COOKING BY THE BOOK

Two new paperback cookbooks from Celestial Arts make good reading as gardeners contemplate the lettuce and herbs they will plant later this spring.

Although both touch on familiar subject matter, the variations provided in "Very Salad Dressings" by Teresa Burns and "Very Pesto" by Dorothy Rankin provide useful ideas for both novice and veteran chefs.

Besides a nice lemon-shallot dressing, Burns offers easy recipes for caesar, spinach, Thai, Roquefort and a number of other dressings including a wasabi vinaigrette. Similarly, Rankin has come up with some 50 pesto recipes, from red pesto cerviche and basil mint to fennel and Mediterranean. Her basil and oregano pesto works perfectly with a little cream and Parmesan over hot pasta or simply as a seasoning for vegetables, soups and sauteed dishes.

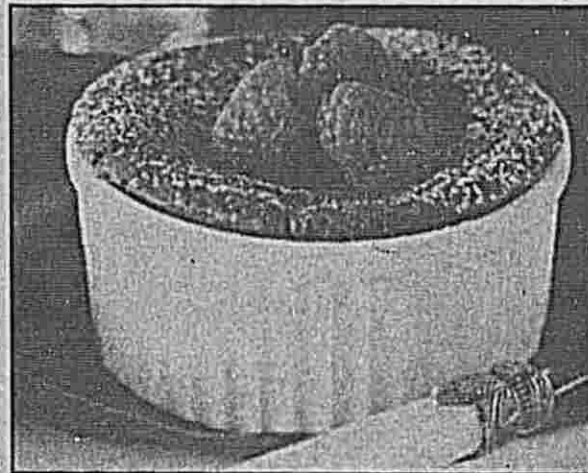
Lava Cakes

So sumptuous and delicious, Warm Chocolate Lava Cakes are bound to be your most glamorous dessert.

Popular in trendy restaurants, these individual cakes in special dessert-sized single servings are tender on the outside with rich, molten centers on the inside. Until recently, recipes for these cakes were complicated and had to be made from scratch. Now, however, a delicious new recipe starts with a gourmet double-chocolate brownie mix, making it easy to achieve such elegance. When your spoon dips into the lush, warm chocolate goodness and you savor your first bite, you'll find a true moment of holiday bliss.

Filling:
23 cup chocolate chips
13 cup whipping cream

Cake:
13 cup water
13 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1 package Ghirardelli Brownie Mix



Preheat oven to 325°F. Lightly grease eight, 6-oz. ramekins or oven-safe custard cups.

For Filling: Place chocolate chips in a bowl. Heat cream just until low boil and pour over chocolate chips. Stir until chocolate chips have melted and mixture is smooth. Refrigerate until firm.

For Cake: Blend water, oil and egg in medium bowl. Add brownie mix and stir until moistened. Place scant 1/4 cup batter into each prepared ramekin. Spoon rounded tablespoon filling gently over batter in each ramekin. Spoon remaining batter over filling. Bake 30-35 minutes. Garnish with powdered sugar and fresh raspberries, if desired. Serve warm.

Makes 8 servings

Basil and Oregano Pesto

2 cups loosely packed fresh basil leaves
3 Tbl. chopped fresh oregano
2 cloves garlic
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup walnut halves
1/2 cup olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Combine the basil, oregano, garlic, cheese and walnuts in a food processor or blender. Process to mix. With the machine running, slowly add the oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper and process to the desired consistency. Let stand for about 5 minutes before serving.
(Makes about 1 cup)

Lemon Shallot Salad Dressing and Marinade

1 small shallot
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 to 2 tsp. sugar
1/3 cup plus 1 Tbl. any vegetable oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper

In a jar with a hand blender or in a food processor fitted with a steel blade, combine the shallot, lemon juice and 1 teaspoon sugar. Blend until the shallot is finely chopped.

With the motor running, slowly add the oil and continue processing until the oil is fully incorporated into the mixture. Add salt and pepper to taste. Taste and add more sugar if needed. Cover and chill the dressing until you are ready to use it. Let stand at room temperature for 5 minutes before mixing again and serving.

This dressing will keep for up to four days in an airtight container in the refrigerator.
(Makes about 3/4 cup)

We're all leading stressful, busy lives these days. If I told you I had a way to reduce your stress and save you time, wouldn't you jump to know what it is? Use your microwave oven for cooking and baking.

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Mediterranean Roast

3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 teaspoon dried basil, divided
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon salt, divided
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
One 2-pound beef eye round roast
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 zucchini, cut into 1-inch chunks
2 yellow squash, cut into 1-inch chunks
1/2 cup cherry tomato halves

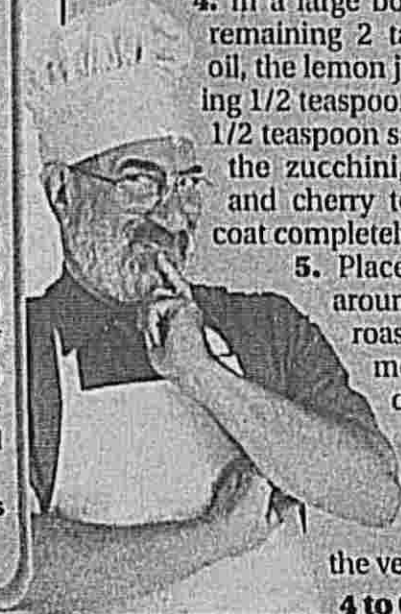
1. Preheat the oven to 325°F.
2. In a small bowl, combine 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, the dried oregano, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and the pepper; mix well.
3. Place the beef in a roasting pan and rub with the seasoning mix; roast for 45 minutes.

4. In a large bowl, combine the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, the lemon juice, the remaining 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, and 1/2 teaspoon salt; mix well. Add the zucchini, yellow squash, and cherry tomatoes; toss to coat completely.

5. Place the vegetables around the beef then roast for 45 minutes more for medium doneness, or until desired doneness.

6. Slice the roast and serve with the vegetables.

4 to 6 servings



READ THIS E-MAIL WRITTEN BY MARGE FOSTIAK TO THE GAVIN SCHOOL DISTRICT ARCHITECT PRIOR TO NOTIFYING THE BUILDER OF PROBLEMS AT GAVIN CENTRAL.

From: russ & marge fostiak
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 7:10 PM
To: Steve Wright
Subject: Meeting

Hi Steve,

Can you make an emergency board of education meeting on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.? Since no one from the past appears to want to be cooperative, we're going public about the truss work at Gavin Central. We have been advised by our law firm that we should have a full inspection of all of the trusses at Gavin Central to determine if there are any other defects. I will be having the Board of Education ready to direct me to request the Regional Office of Education to conduct a safety assessment of the building. We will need you at the meeting to elaborate on what you have found in your cursory investigation of the school. I am notifying the press and I imagine that we will make the local television news in short order. Your photos of the trusses will be in the paper. Welcome to stardom!

Marge

"Welcome to Stardom!"

The current school board wants their stardom.

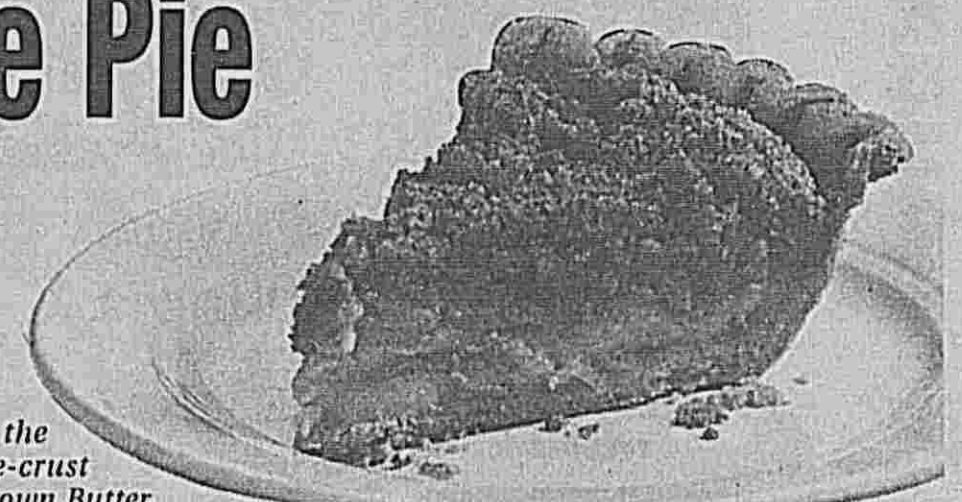
The school board sold Gavin North School so they could build a new school with their names on the plaque. When the public rejected the referendum, they found a new opportunity by condemning a second building to achieve their stardom. Now they're trying to fool us into paying for a new school without voter approval.

The community deserves a board of education that is concerned about not wasting taxpayer dollars and about achieving the highest education for our children. Let's bring back this simple concept. **VOTE FOR A COMMON SENSE BOARD.**

Vote 3 M's and a J.

Mende, Moulis, Mack, Johnson

Brown Butter Creamy Apple Pie



What may be the season's best one-crust apple pie recipe, Brown Butter Creamy Apple Pie, is easy to make and take to a family get-together or pot luck. The frozen crust comes in a portable tin that is oven ready, and preparing the apple filling and streusel topping requires little work, but is sure to impress.

1 frozen pie crust
Filling
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
5 c. sliced peeled Granny Smith

apples (5 med.)

Streusel
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup firm butter

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Place cookie sheet in oven to preheat.

2. In 1-quart saucepan, cook 1/4 cup butter over medium heat until melted and lightly browned, stirring constantly. Cool completely, about 15 minutes.

3. In large bowl, beat 1/2 cup granulated sugar and egg with wire whisk until light and fluffy. Beat in 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat in cooled butter. Gently stir in apples. Pour into crust-lined pan.

4. In medium bowl, stir together all streusel ingredients except butter. With pastry blender or fork, cut in 1/4 cup but-

ter until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over apples.

5. Bake 20 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F and cover edge of crust with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning. Bake an additional 40 to 50 minutes or until apples are tender and crust is golden brown. Cool 2 hours.

Serve with whipped cream or ice cream if desired. 8 servings.

Baker's Tip: A special apple pie spice packet is in specially marked Pillsbury Pet Ritz pie crust packages. You can combine the pre-measured spices with apples and sugar for a terrific apple pie.

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We Will Have

- Open Door Policy
- Public commentary before Village Board Meetings
- Village meetings will be on cable TV for people to watch
- We will NEVER object to a referendum petition put forth by the voters of this village



CINDY IRWIN
Mayor

Trustee Cindy Irwin has put together a slate with the strong leadership skills that are needed to run our town like a business. Your Community Party has expertise in the Building Trades, Financial, Administrative, & Business fields. This experienced team will move our town forward.



THOMAS HERRING
Village Clerk

Tom has the experience in the **BUILDING TRADES**. He has been on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 4 years. Tom also has 25 years in the roofing industry, and is currently the construction manager for Country Side Roofing.



CAROL ULASY
Trustee

Carol has the **FINANCIAL** expertise and is the Senior Vice President and Financial Officer of the 10th Largest Privately owned Insurance Agency in the state of Illinois.



BILL BORCHERS
Trustee

Bill has the **ADMINISTRATIVE** experience and knowledge. He has been employed by SBC for 25 years. He is a Senior Technical Director with a staff of 22 people and is a 10 year military veteran.



NOEL WORKING
Trustee

Noel has the **BUSINESS** knowledge. He has served 2 terms on the Planning Board and has been the Village Clerk for the past 2 years. He has Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Agra Foods International, and runs a successful restaurant in our town.

VOTE APRIL 5, 2005



Tanglefoot will be playing live on April 16.

Tanglefoot

"Stan Rogers meets Van Halen", that is how one concert-goer described them. Tanglefoot is one of Canada's premier roots/acoustic bands. They are adept songwriters who vividly evoke the Canadian experience. With thrilling vocal polish and overwhelming energy, their music is rich and resonant.

Terry Young on mandolin; Al Parrish on bass; Terry Snider on fiddle; Steve Ritchie on guitar; Bryan Weirmier on keyboard are hugely entertaining.

Guitarist Steve Ritchie has the longest tenure, having joined in 1988. Toronto bass player Al Parrish has been around since 1994. Terry Young came on board at the beginning of 1999 to play mandolin, guitar, banjo, harmonica and whistle. Bryan Weirmier replaced Tanglefoot's original piano player, Rob Ritchie in the summer of 2002. The newest addition is Kingston, Ontario fiddler Terry Snider, who joined in May of 2003 upon the retirement of Joe Grant.

Admission \$10; doors open at 7:30 p.m. April 16 at the Congregational Unitarian Church, 221 Dean Street, Woodstock, IL.

For information check out www.off-squaremusic.org.

Mornings at Seven

On Stage

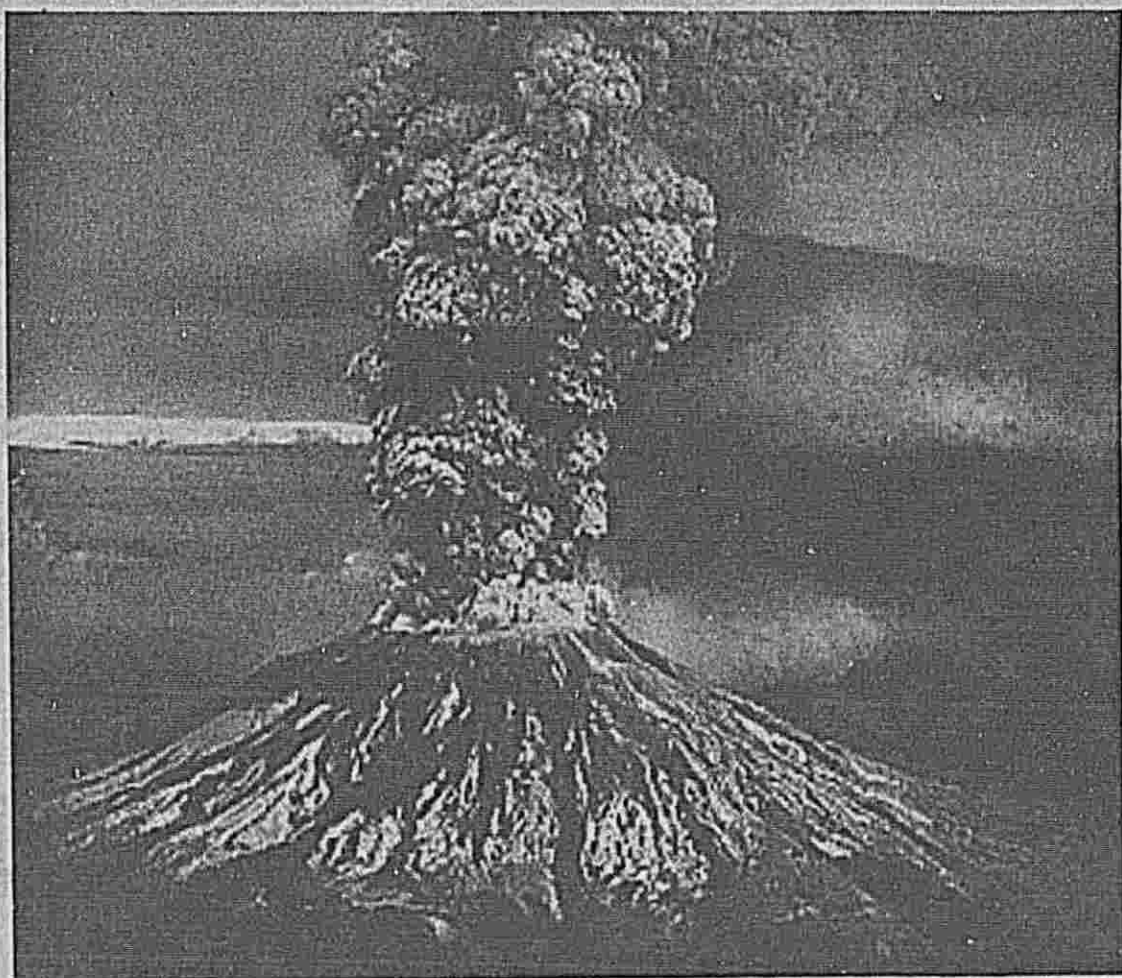


Left-Steve Willding of Lindenhurst as David Crompton. Tom Hausman of Antioch as Carl Bolton. Bottom-Debbie Beno of Antioch as Myrtle Brown. Dee Zehren of Antioch as Ida Bolton.

PM&L's fourth production of its 44th season, the comedy "Mornings At Seven" by Paul Osborn, will be given at the PM&L Theatre, 877 Main St., Antioch on April 1, 8, 9, 15, & 16 at 8 pm and April 3, 10, & 17 at 2:30 p.m. April 2 is sold out. Call 847-395-3055 for reservations. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

In this family comedy, two of the Gibb sisters have lived next door to each other most of their lives, and each of the four sisters know intimately the lives of the others. To Ida's house comes Myrtle, a spinster friend who's been about to marry Ida's son Homer for many years. But Homer can't break away from home long enough to pop the question. Myrtle, now at an age where she feels she'll have to take things into her own hands, finally makes him propose by telling him a secret. This charming portrait of small-town America fifty plus years ago was revived on Broadway in 1980 to critical acclaim.

Talented cast members chosen by director Deane Jones of Round Lake are: Wally Juravic of Park City and Dolores Finley of Round Lake as Theodore and Cora Swanson; Linda Willding of Lindenhurst as Amy Gibbs; Dee Zehren and Tom Hausman of Antioch as Ida and Carl Bolton; Tom Quigley of Lake Villa as Homer Bolton; Debbie Beno of Antioch as Myrtle Brown; and Dianne Hosken and Steve Willding of Lindenhurst as Esther and David Crompton.



What will the Gavin Board Blame Next?

Mount St. Helen's?

Paid for by: Mende, Moulis, Mack, and Johnson

Current Gavin School District board members have pointed their fingers at many for the district's problems:

- Past board members
- Past auditors
- Past superintendent
- Past business manager
- Past architects
- Past builders
- Past lawyers
- Past bond council

They even pointed their fingers when they sold Gavin North at 25% of its value. All this finger pointing proves current board members are more likely to blame a 1980 Washington volcano for the district's condition than they are to blame the true culprits – themselves.

If any one of the existing board members is re-elected, taxpayers will pay. Taxpayers will pay for two schools: their new school and the needlessly demolished, easily repairable Gavin Central.

ON APRIL 5, VOTE FOR "3M'S AND A J":

Barbara A. Mende
Stephen F. Moulis
Philip Joseph Mack
Kristine L. Johnson

They will stop the finger pointing. They will stop the bussing of children all over the county. They will stop the split shifts. They will stop the lawsuits. They will stop new taxes. They will stop the trips to Springfield and the Lake County Courthouse.

"3M'S AND A J" WILL STOP THE NEEDLESS SPENDING.

They will have our students back in their own school by August 2005, not August 2007. They will require contractors to fix Central School. They will reverse the current board's unconstitutional actions that have taken money away from the taxpayers.



Endorsed by Former Grant Township
Assessor Betty Niemi

RE-ELECT WALT

KUBALANZA
Grant Township Assessor
Grant Township Working Together Party

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

The Assessor needs to be an honest, intelligent, organized and hard working person who can focus on providing the taxpayer quality service.

I HAVE DONE THIS!

The Assessor is responsible for keeping the office running efficiently and must be willing to look at challenges with good ideas and attitudes.

I HAVE DONE THIS!

The Assessor must maintain vital and confidential tax records and be free of political ties and ambitions clouding one's judgment.

I HAVE DONE THIS!

I am running for re-election as your Assessor because I understand the need to help all the taxpayers in our community resolve their issues. My wife and I have lived in our Township for 34 years, raised our family here and now our grandchildren are growing up here. I have served as your Assessor for the past four years and I am the right person to continue serving the people of Grant Township.

NO POLITICS, CAUSES OR FAVORITISM

I offer honest work, administrative effectiveness and a commitment to treating everyone uniformly and equally.

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SPECTACULAR SPRING

June Price Reedy Horticultural Library to research their latest gardening project, thumb through inspiring garden journals and magazines, or see a sampling of the Garden's unique rare book collection. Members have borrowing privileges. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

For information about caring for yard and garden, stop by the Garden's Plant Information Office in the Gateway Visitor Center or call the phone line at 847-835-0972. Plant "doctors" are available to answer questions weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through March 31, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, from April 1 to Oct. 31. Information about plants also is available on the Garden's Web site at www.chicagobotanic.org.

Participants can step back in time to the gardens of the Arts and Crafts Movement at a new School of the Chicago Botanic Garden symposium from 9 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. Friday, May 13. The Arts and Crafts: Gardens and Landscapes of the Era Symposium features keynote speaker Judith B. Tankard, acclaimed

landscape historian and writer, and recipient of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Gold Medal. Participants will study unique gardens and landscapes, as well as the impact of local landscape architects during this movement, which took place from 1870 to 1900. Registration fee through Friday, April 15 is \$119. Registration after April 15 is \$149. Chicago Botanic Garden members pay \$119. Registration deadline is Friday, May 6. For more information or to register, call 847-835-8261, or visit www.chicagobotanic.org/symposia.

Nature lovers -- from the beginning gardener to the seasoned professional -- will find inspiration at dozens of spring courses offered through the School of the Chicago Botanic Garden. School courses are grouped into six categories: plant materials,

Weekend Gardener, gardening, nature studies, landscape design, and botanical arts and humanities courses. For a catalog describing programs and classes in detail, or to register, call the School of the Chicago Botanic Garden at 847-835-8261, or visit www.chicagobotanic.org/continuing.

While Visiting the Garden

Hungry and tired visitors can make a rest stop at the Garden Café, which serves delicious panini, fresh soups, crisp salads, sweet pastries and Starbucks coffee from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekends and holidays. A Mother's Day Brunch featuring made-to-order omelets, carved meats and homemade treats will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 8. Reservations are not required.

Fine furnishings for the home and garden, plus unique gifts and stationery, are available in The Garden Shop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and until 5:30 p.m. on weekends. Unique tools for the garden and kitchen can be found at the Wheelbarrow in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden. Wheelbarrow hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily beginning in May.

Those pondering a gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, teachers, graduations or weddings might consider gift memberships to the Chicago Botanic Garden. Year-round benefits include free parking

and discounts on classes, tram tours and shopping. Gift memberships can be purchased by calling 847-835-8215, or by visiting www.chicagobotanic.org/member.

Schmechtig Landscape Company and American Airlines are proud sponsors of spring at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Admission to the Chicago Botanic Garden is free. Select event fees apply. Parking is \$10. For information about any of the Chicago Botanic Garden's programs and events, call 847-835-5440, or visit www.chicagobotanic.org.

Lake Forest Symphony to hold season finale May 6th

Lake Forest Symphony will present its season finale concert on Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th at the Drake Theatre on the Barat campus of DePaul University in Lake Forest. Concerts begin at 8:00 PM.

The featured Guest Artist will be violinist Ilya Kaler. Kaler is the only violinist to have won gold medals at all three of the world's most prestigious violin competitions: the Tchaikovsky, the Sibelius, and the Paganini. He will perform the Sibelius Violin Concerto in D minor Op. 47. The program will also feature Beethoven's Lenore Overture No. 3 and Schumann's Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, Op. 97 ("Rhenish").

Prior to the concert, a free lecture will be

given by Jim Kendros, a well-known composer and speaker. After the concert, a reception will be held at Harris Bank in Lake Forest. Harris Bank is the concert sponsor as well as the reception sponsor for the Symphony's season finale performances.

As Lake County's only fully professional, award-winning orchestra, the Lake Forest Symphony consistently offers fresh and inspiring musical programs that nourish the soul. In addition to providing a rich variety of musical programs during each season, the orchestra reaches the community in a number of ways throughout the year, including the Lake Forest Symphony Music School, Young People's Concerts, In-School Ensembles, and the every

popular Concert-on-the-Green.

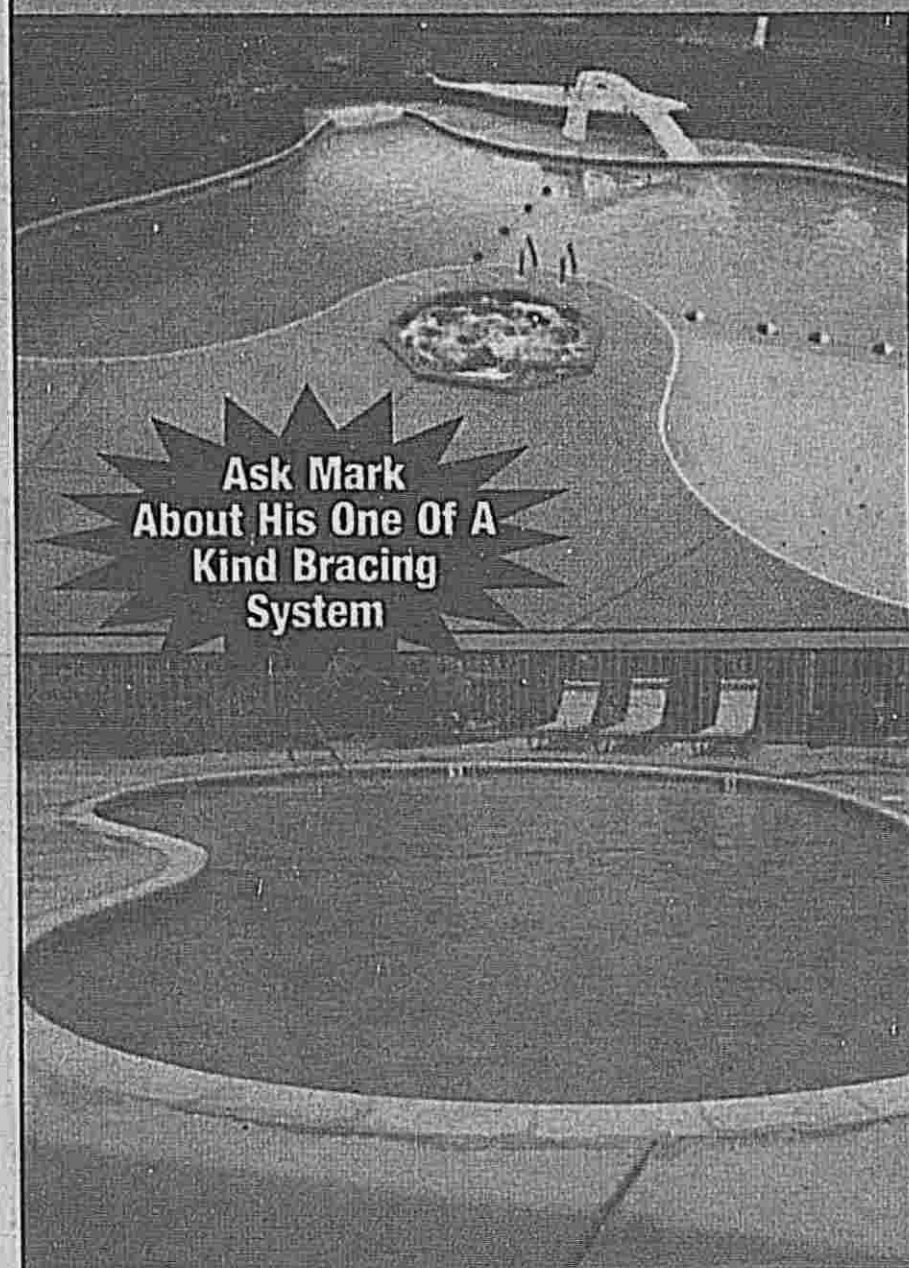
Mr. Kaler has earned rave reviews for solo appearances with distinguished orchestras throughout the world. He has performed with the Leningrad, Moscow and Dresden Philharmonic Orchestras, the Montreal Symphony, the Danish and Berlin Radio Orchestras, and the Moscow and Zurich Chamber Orchestras, among others. His solo recitals have taken him throughout Europe, Scandinavia, East Asia, and the former Soviet Union.

Tickets for the concert range in price from \$20 to \$40 with senior citizen and student discounts available. Contact the Box Office at 847-295-2135.



Ilya Kaler, featured Guest Artist

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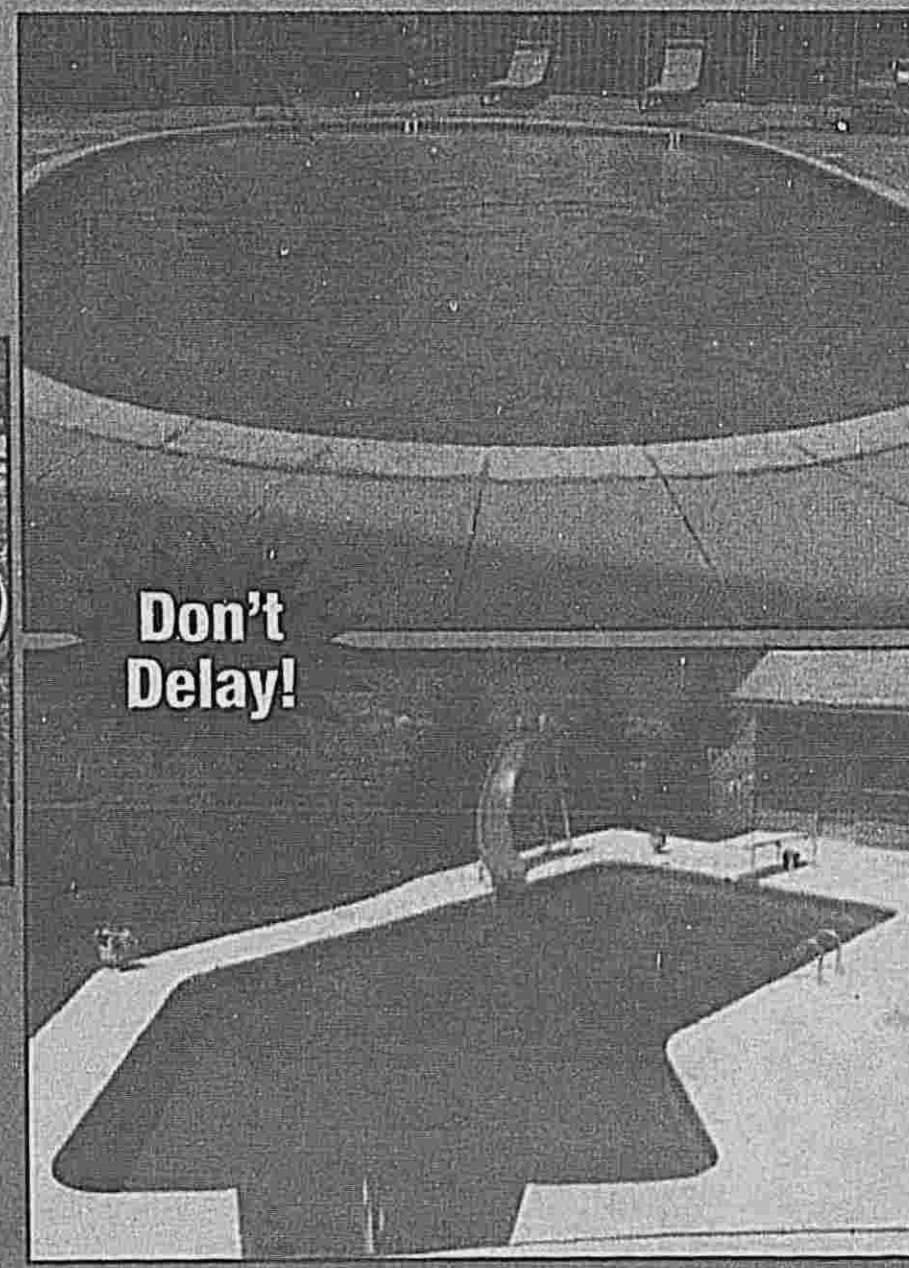


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Letter to Fox Lake Citizens:

I was not going to go public with the statement I'm about to make, but after Nancy Koske's attack on me, I have no choice.

I was Emergency Service & Disaster Agency (ESDA) Coordinator for 21 years. This is a mayor's appointment. I am very proud of being appointed to this position by many mayors.

The truth is, Mayor Koske called me into her office and told me: You will back the new police station and village hall. I told her I didn't know enough about it. She once again said: Pete, you are my ESDA coordinator and you will back it or else. I then was handed a copy of the proposals. I returned about a week later, put the proposal on her desk and asked one question: Nancy, what are you going to do with the \$1 million dollars that is buried in that contract? I was told never you mind, you will back it or else. At this point I told her, not only did I find it, but two of my customers who are contractors also found it. At this point Mrs. Koske said: Pete, I'm the mayor and you will back it or else. I told her: Now we have a problem. That is when Dr. Dam and I circulated petitions and got it on the ballot. The mayor lost 2-1. Two months later I was replaced as the ESDA coordinator. It was not, as she said, that I had lost my enthusiasm. Now you know the real truth.

As far as the Mineola being sold: No real estate broker has the property listed. Would I sell? Yes, I would, if the price was right. You ask what is that price? I have no idea because it has never been appraised. There is not one piece of property in our town that could not be bought at the right price. Over the years I have had offers and none have seemed good enough. My home is on the Mineola property. I own various pieces of rental property. Since when is it a crime to buy and sell real estate? Also, the Mineola property is now zoned for multi-family, so what are you talking about, Mayor Koske?

I take pride that I exercise my right to be involved in politics and the election process. Yes, I have had conflicts with other mayors – but 2 people will not always agree on the same thing. If anyone believes I am going to extremes with my ads and stretching the truth, I will be happy to show proof of what I have said.

Nancy, if you are running that scared that you have to attack me with lies, so be it. The people of Fox Lake know that I love this town no matter what you say!!!

Pete Jakstis Sr.

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Hold those responsible for our current financial and physical situation.

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Their definition: Citizens United for a Responsible Board

Two of these candidates are named in a lawsuit against The Gavin District, that has temporarily restrained state awarded funds to pay for relocation costs of Gavin students for this year and next.

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The lawsuit against Gavin has forced job loss notifications, program cuts for students and split shift classes for next school year. Busing may also be cut.

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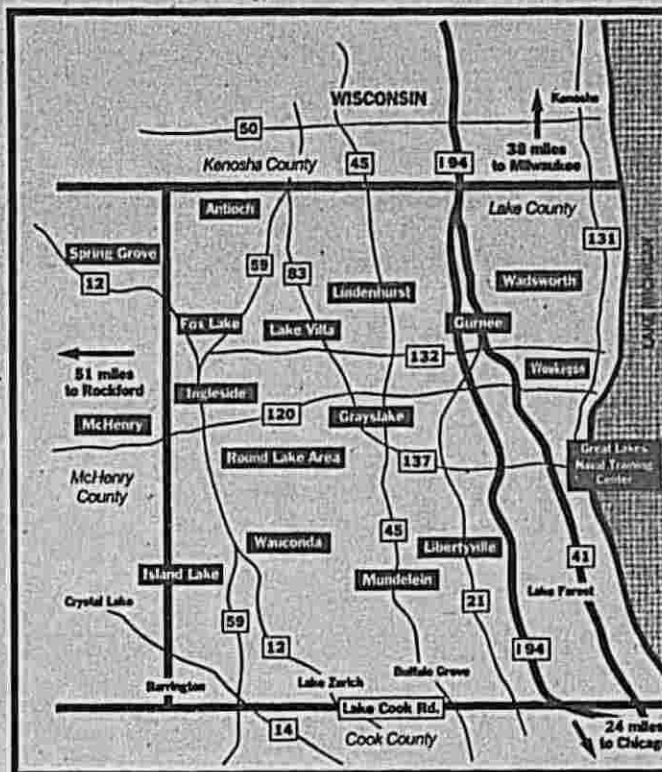


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Current Work Is A Higher Priority Than A Job Search
By Scott T. Fleischmann

In my experience, most people search for a new job because of dissatisfaction rather than opportunity. Although this is the wrong reason, those who follow this model fall into several traps that should be addressed.

These snares ultimately lead to poor performance and poor job references. Over time, those who stumble will not be able to get better employment. Although the first time, an improved situation may be found. However, the next job search will need to address the reference of that employer. In addition, since a precedent has been set, it will be easier to commit the follies in the next search. Let's explore some of them.

Firstly, those who have decided to seek a new job have limited time to do so. That precious commodity also needs to be shared with family responsibilities, friends, hobbies and other tasks. In order to find the needed time, some employees shorten their workday; arriving late, leaving early or extending lunch hours. This is not acceptable.

With few exceptions, managers will notice these stolen hours. The best managers will confront the issue. Those who are not as courageous, will only make note of the infractions and reduce the performance appraisal. In either case the bridge has been burned.

A second possible infraction is the use of employer owned property in the job search. Using the fax, copier telephones and other property is not only wrong, it is dangerous. Most telephone systems are now monitored. It is easy to leave the original in the copier or the fax machine. I know of few job seekers that want their current employers to know about the search.

Employers who find the evidence of the infraction (most companies have rules against using company property for personal business) have just been given the reason for firing the employee. The cost of using a home computer, cell phone, the copier at the library or a home fax is small compared to the consequence.

Likewise, it is wrong to use company supplies. Pens, notepads, printer paper and other supplies may seem like small items. However, when many employees pilfer, the cost of the products and services that we purchase is increased. Companies need to raise prices to cover the theft.

Finally, do not say anything negative about a current or prior employer. If they are doing something illegal or immoral, present the information to the proper authorities then let it go. If they are making unsound decisions, it should be interpreted as a difference of opinion. That is; you would manage differently than they are managing. If the subject is raised, it should be stated in that context, without disparaging remarks.

A current job always needs to be a higher priority than a future job. Those who misuse a current employer are inflicting self-destruction. Consider the needs of the current employer first.

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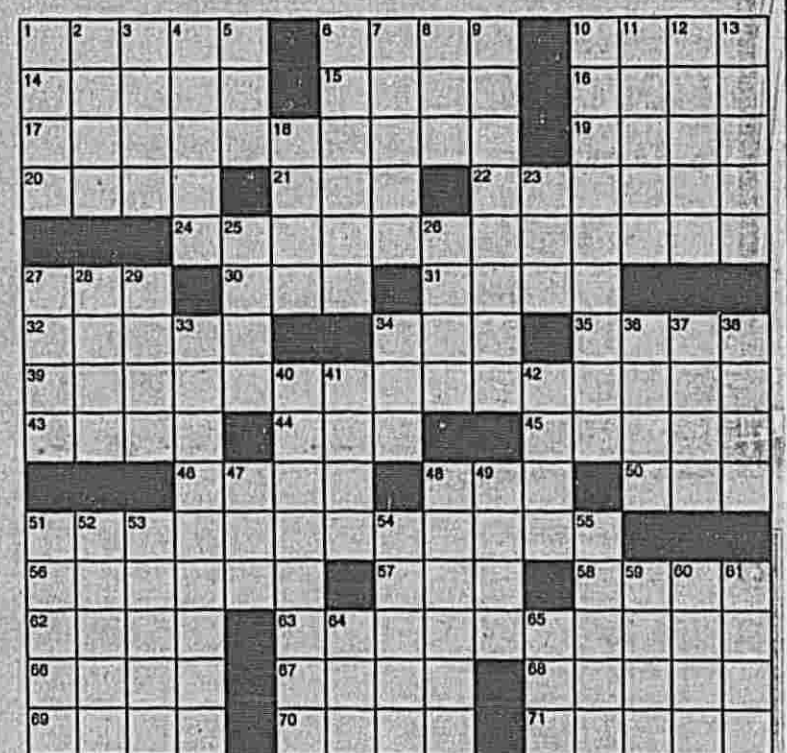
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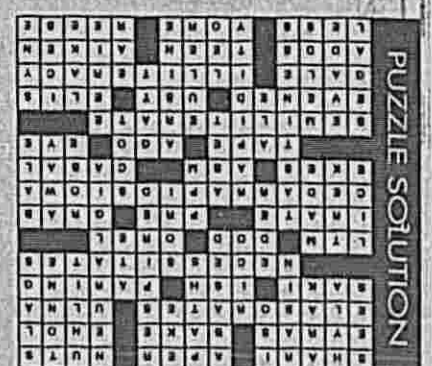
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FOX LAKE-2005 ANSWERS

Hi-Low Foods Close

Will reopen - working with Val's

Village raises property taxes \$33.14 per \$100,000 in four years.

FACT - Village tax rate went down every year. Actual taxes for every Community Party candidate went down.

Fox Lake Budget the highest of 8 local communities

Fox Lake is the only community with a \$20 million regional sewer plant. So, what's the point?

"No TIF, No Hotel"

**Community Party,
please take note!**

Gurnee is spending \$22 million. Harvard & Huntley projects are dead because of no incentives. Fox Lake Schools even agreed that it was a good idea.

Jury indicts Village Official on 15 counts

Indictment has nothing to do with Fox Lake business.

Village Hall canopy over \$40,000

Canopy work approved by all trustees, including Trustee Cindy Irwin.

Nextel phone bill for Village \$37,358

**Community Party,
please take note!**

Major communication tool, especially for field work by Streets, Police, Public Works, Building, Code Enforcement, Shuttle Van, Administration, Fire, 911, etc. Trustee Cindy Irwin approved the Nextel purchase & paying the bills.

Village pays \$1,100 for Mayor Koske's private phone bill.

It is the phone that goes with the Mayor's position. Mayor is accessible and on call 24 hours per day, including during vacations.

Seniors lose their community center for Koske's new Village Hall after voters said no new village hall.

**Community Party,
please take note!**

Trustee Cindy Irwin approved the Village Hall project along with all Trustees. In 2001 it housed the ArtWorks, not seniors. It was not originally built as a senior center. Senior events are at the renovated Lakefront Park Building. Voter said no to property tax to pay for it. Trustee Cindy Irwin supported construction!

Koske put 2.75% tax on all phones.

**Community Party,
please take note!**

Phone tax increase was a response to a critical public safety need, especially the 9-1-1 Center. It is more equitable than a property tax increase. Trustee Cindy Irwin must have agreed since she did not vote against it!

Koske takes teachers to dinner at Morton's Steak House

**Community Party,
please take note!**

It was a dinner meeting with the School Board (NOT teachers) discussing Village/school common issues such as Forest School development, impact fees, etc. Trustee Cindy Irwin must have agreed since she seconded the motion to approve paying the bill.

Village spends \$15,976 on 4-day convention in Chicago

**Community Party,
please take note!**

Cindy Irwin had the highest expenses for a Trustee at this conference that included all department heads for team building & learning. Conference spending now has been reduced by more than 75%.

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